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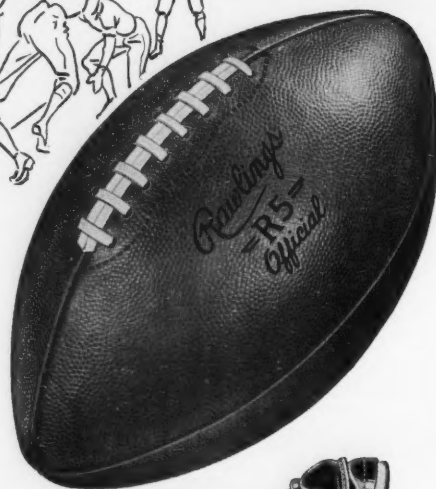
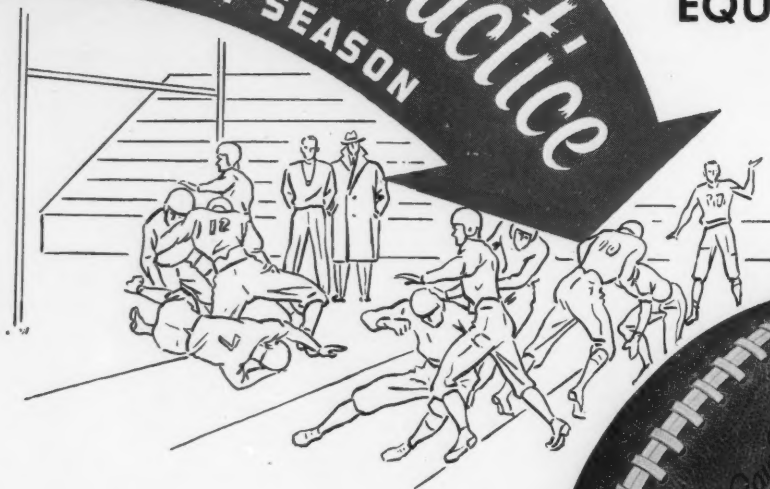
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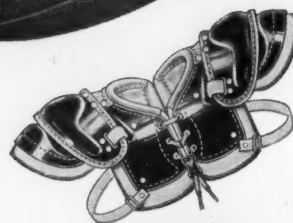
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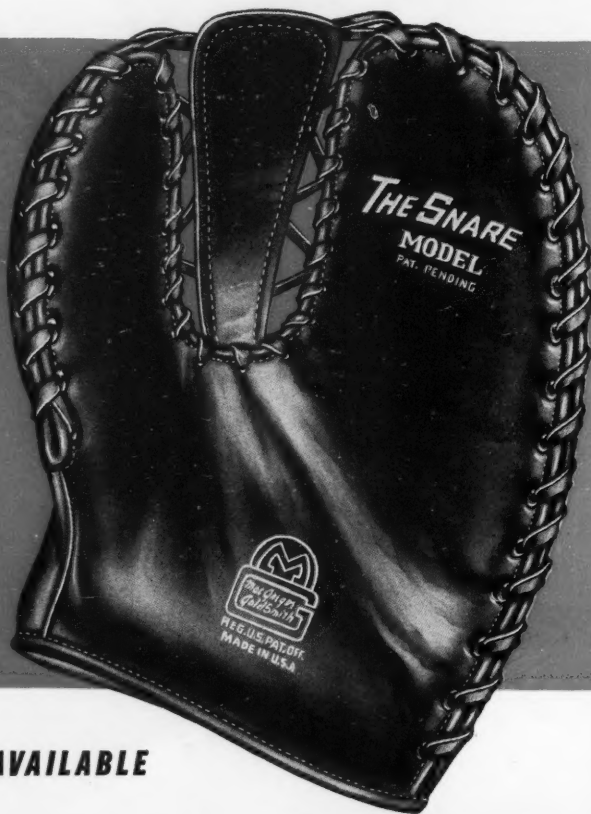
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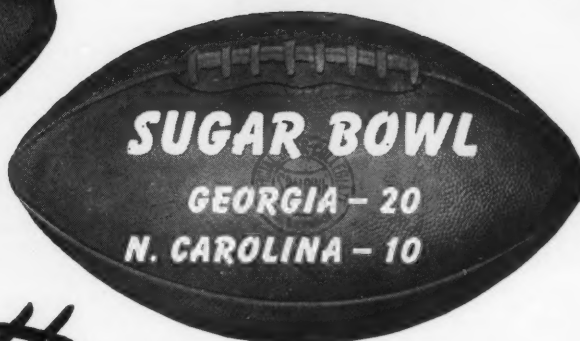
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SOUTHERN SCHOOLS

HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Dallas, Texas

By CHARLES HALL

EDITOR'S NOTE: With the exception of the articles by coaches, all the material on Highland Park High School was written by the students. It was a project of the English class under the direction of Miss Margaret Wasson and the class selected the best from the 35 articles submitted for publication. Most of the pictures were taken by David Mead, a junior at Highland Park.

THE TOWNS of Highland Park and University Park are served by the Highland Park Independent School District. Though generally believed to be merely residential sections of Dallas, the Park Cities are in reality two separate towns. Each has its own system of government, Fire Department and Police Department. Highland Park has a population of 13,000 and University Park, 22,500.

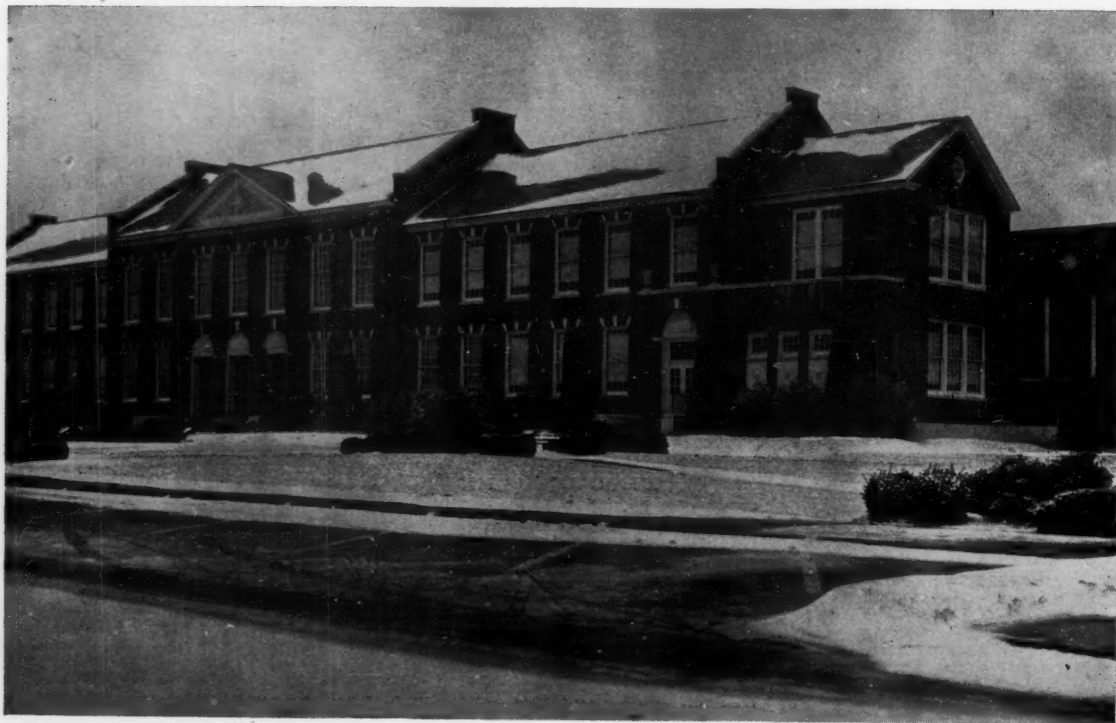
The district was founded in 1914. At that time the only building was the very small one that now, with a few enlargements, is Armstrong Ele-

mentary School. There were 423 pupils, thirty-three high school and 390 elementary, and only a small curriculum. Today the course of study includes thirty-eight subjects.

The school grew so much that in 1924 the high school had to move to the building which is now the Highland Park Junior High School. The class of that year established many school customs. The school received its Scottie emblem and blue and gold colors, and the yearbook was named. Also an R.O.T.C. unit was organized.

In 1936, a still larger high school building was

Highland Park High School during a very rare Dallas snow.



needed. When it was completed the next year, the sophomores, juniors and seniors moved in, and the former high school became Highland Park Junior High School. The present high school has thirty-two classrooms, a large and small auditorium, two gyms, a cafeteria, an armory, a band room and offices for the principal, assistant principal, counselors, school paper, school annual, Parent-Teachers' Association, student council, English department and public speaking offices.

From its modest start thirty-three years ago, the school district has grown considerably. Now there are three elementary schools, each with an enrollment of about the same as the whole district had originally, and a junior and senior high school, each with about twelve hundred students.

Highland Park High School is proud of the college attendance record of its graduates. Over 86 percent of the graduating class of last June is now attending institutions of higher learning, and before the era of military training the percentage was higher. A poll among students this fall revealed that 96 percent plan to attend college.

The professional spirit of the faculty members is shown by the fact that thirty-eight out of sixty teachers have M. A. degrees and that all the classroom teachers are members of the national, state and local teachers' associations.

The Highland Park Dads' Club is the largest club of its kind in the world. Its purpose is to promote the welfare of the students of the Highland Park School district. All dads are invited to join.

To create a better understanding between parents and teachers, the Parent-Teachers' Association was formed. Any teacher or Highland Park patron may be a member. The association has charge of the school cafeteria and helps the school in numerous other ways.

One feature of Highland Park is its student governing body, the Student Council. Its purposes, as set forth by the Constitution of the Student Council, are to maintain a form of student government which encourages cooperation between the pupils and faculty, foster sentiments of law and order, and unify student organizations under one general control.

The president, secretary and representatives-at-large from the sophomore and junior classes are elected to serve for a school year by the student body in a general election each spring. Mechanical voting machines are used, and a poll tax of two cents is charged. The other members are elected every semester by the home rooms. To qualify for membership, a student must have a B average with no grade below a C on his latest report card.

The council has the power to ini-



DR. W. B. IRVIN, Superintendent
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tiate rules and regulations for the student body and submit them to the students for a vote. It also has the power to impeach any undesirable member, and other powers may be given to it by the principal or by the student body with the approval of the principal. The principal can set aside any action of the council.

The annual convention of the Texas Association of Student Councils was held at Highland Park this year. Over five hundred delegates from all over the state attended.

There are several student publica-
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Pep is generated at Highland Park High with band, cheerleaders and rooters combining in the weekly pep rally in the boys' gym.



CADETS AND CALISTHENICS

By BRADLEY ERRINGER and DAN WATERS

AT HIGHLAND PARK High School a boy has the choice of enrolling for R.O.T.C. or boys' gym. The corps numbers 320; there are about 120 boys in regular gym classes; about 200 go out for interscholastic sports for their regular exercise. (There is, of course, some duplication, as there are only 600 boys in the school.)

Organized at Highland Park in 1931, the R.O.T.C. unit was first a battalion, then a regiment, and presently is back to one battalion. One-fourth credit per semester is offered for work in the corps. Uniforms and equipment are issued free to cadets, but officers buy their outfits—regular officers' uniform with the addition of Sam Brown belt and savor as well as distinguishing R.O.T.C. insignia. Hi Park's battalion consists of six companies, each of which has two platoons of three squads. A squad usually includes eight to ten cadets.

The purpose of the R.O.T.C. is to bring out leadership, improve self-discipline and prepare the cadet for a possible Army future. There are two types of R.O.T.C.: the junior, which is taught in high school, and the senior, far more advanced and serious, which is taught only in some colleges and military schools. A new ruling provides that any cadet with three years of high school R.O.T.C. is entitled to one

year of credit at any school where senior R.O.T.C. is offered. Any cadet who finishes the required course in the senior R.O.T.C. is given a second lieutenantcy in the reserves, and a few win a regular army commission.

The Highland Park R.O.T.C. program has been greatly enlarged this year. More stress has been placed on theory, which includes the subjects of military sanitation and first aid, map reading, drill and command, rifle regiment, rifle company, rifle platoon and squad, squad tactics, field stripping and operation of various weapons. More lectures, motion pictures, diagrams and other classroom methods are being used this year.

In charge of the R.O.T.C. in schools in the Dallas area is Col. R. L. Moses, Professor of Military Science and Tactics. Direct supervision of the Highland Park R.O.T.C. is the assignment of Naval Lieutenant Floyd Hightower and Colonel Instructor Newman F. Casey. These two men are aided by two regular Army top sergeants and a first lieutenant who is temporarily assigned here. The cadet head of the Highland Park unit has the rank of colonel. The highest cadet officer is as a rule a high senior. Ranks correspond to classification: no cadet who is not a senior is promoted to an officer, and no cadet

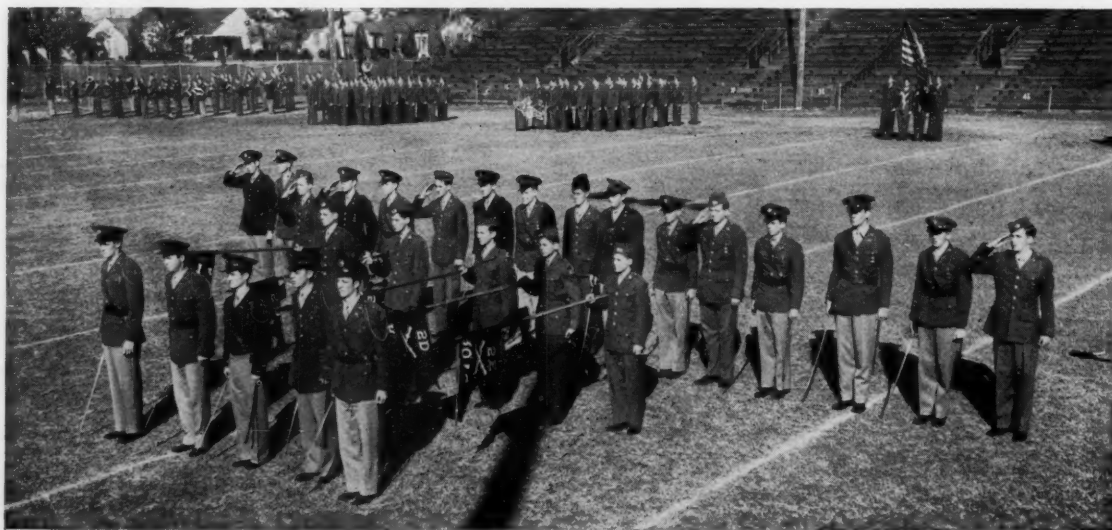
who is failing any subject is given a promotion.

The R.O.T.C. program is supplemented in the summer by a month's sojourn at Camp Dallas, military camp for cadets in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. It is, incidentally, the only junior R.O.T.C. camp in the country. Cadets pay a small charge for transportation, food and laundry. They live in tents and spend a month following a modified army routine. Cadets are in charge, but close supervision is maintained by regular army officers and non-coms. Cadets have a strict military program every morning followed by an athletic program in the afternoon until five o'clock, when there is a parade. Movies and boxing matches are held at night. Cadets have to serve guard duty as well as do the unpopular kitchen policing. Each year a dance is held for the cadets attending camp. The summer camp is very necessary to the program, and few cadets go far in the ranks unless they have attended at least one summer camp.

Competition is keen between companies because most promotions come out of the best company. If the captain of the winning company of intercompany competition is a low senior, he will very likely become the highest ranking cadet officer the next semester. Each week

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"Officers, Front and Center," is the command being executed by the Highland Park R.O.T.C.



A GIRLS' WORLD

By CAROL CLABAUGH

IT'S A GIRLS' world, too, as far as the athletic program at Highland Park High School is concerned. A great variety of sports is played, with the object of teaching leadership and cooperation as well as physical fitness and athletic ability.

Some of the most important factors in the well-rounded program of girls' athletics are a separate gymnasium provided for the girls alone; new complete equipment, which includes soccer balls, tennis-quoits and nets, basketballs, shuffleboard tools, ping pong paddles, balls and tables, volleyballs and nets, softballs and bats, badminton racquets and birdies, tumbling mats, exercise bars, and tennis balls and nets; and a large athletic field on the grounds where teams can play speedball or softball, according to the season. Gym classes for girls are run Monday through Friday at every period except lunch. Over two-thirds of the girls participate in the gym classes, and quite a few more enter in the intramural activities.

The physical education instructors at Highland Park are very capable and well liked by the girls. The head gym teacher is Mrs. Elsie Berry, who has been at Highland Park for five years. She graduated from Southern Methodist University, and after teaching at Texarkana two years, came in 1941 to take



Girls' Physical Education Teachers, left to right: Gynne Watson, Penelope Van Buskirk, Mrs. Elsie Berry

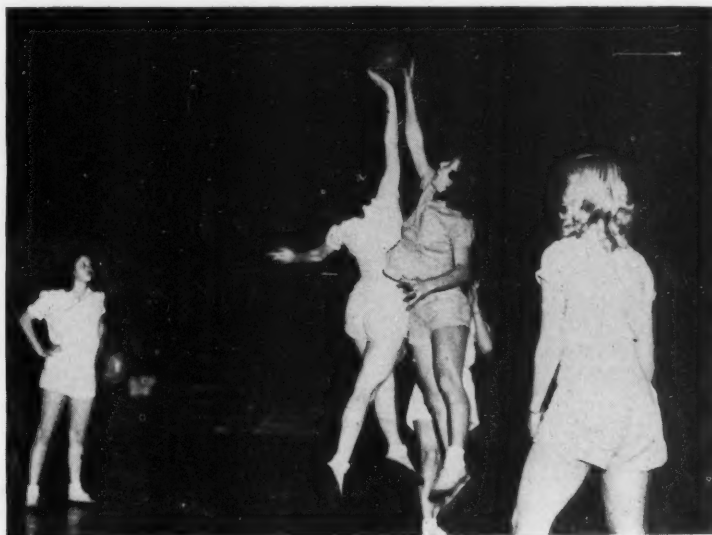
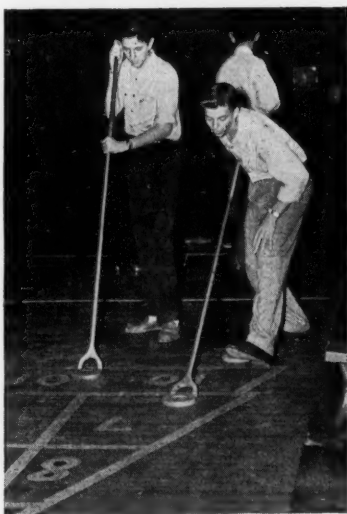
over some of the physical education classes. Serving with Mrs. Berry is Miss Gynne Watson, a graduate of North Texas State College. She taught at various schools before joining the staff at Highland Park two years ago. Beside their gym classes, these teachers direct the other main phase of the girls' physical education program, which is intra-murals.

Another active teacher is Miss

Penelope Van Buskirk, who only recently graduated from Texas College for Women. She came to Highland Park two years ago, not only to teach physical education, but to serve as sponsor of the horseback riding club and to be counselor. During lunchtime, Miss Van Buskirk assumes duties as sponsor and organizer of the activities carried on in the girls' gym. These activities

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Below, left: Shuffleboard in the girls' gym during the lunch period. Right: Into the air go Highland Park lassies in basketball intramural tournament.



FOOTBALL AT HIGHLAND PARK

By JOHN GREER

DURING the past few years, the name Highland Park has become synonymous with the greatest of all American sports, football. Some reason for the close association between the two names is divulged by the fact that the Highland Park football team, known as the "Scotties" to its followers, has reached no less than the quarter-finals in the state play-offs for the last six years.

The state of Texas has adopted a unique play-off system by which the schools with over 500 students are geographically divided into sixteen districts. The winner of each district meets the winner of its neighboring district in the bi-district game, after which the survivors advance to the quarter-finals, semi-finals and, finally, to the game which determines the state champions.

In 1941, under the coaching of Floyd Hightower, the Scotties advanced to the quarter-finals of the state race and repeated this performance the following year under the coaching of H. N. "Rusty" Russell, now coaching at Southern Methodist University. The Scotties were generally regarded to have the finest team in the state in 1943, when they advanced to the semi-finals under Mr. Russell's leadership. Led by Bobby Layne and Doak Walker, both of whom were destined to make a name for themselves in col-



Highland Park football coaches and managers: (Left to right) John Greer, manager; G. B. Morris, line coach; Herman Morgan, head coach; Ernest Kennedy, assistant coach and scout; Overton Shelmire, manager.

lege football, the Scotties lost a heartbreaker to the San Angelo Bobcats, 21-20. The Bobcats went on to win the championship with ease.

In 1944, a highly-touted Highland Park football team, again coached by Mr. Russell, was defeated in the championship game by a veteran Port Arthur eleven, 20-7. In 1945, the Scotties again marched to the championship game. This time, however, the Highlanders were not to be denied, and they emerged from the game as co-champions with Waco. Eck Curtis, now coaching at Texas

University, ably coached the 1945 Scotties.

In 1946, the reins were turned over to Herman Morgan, assistant coach under Russell and Curtis. Mr. Morgan molded an inexperienced group of boys into a team which exhibited some of the finest spirit, fight and football that Highland Park supporters have ever known. The Scotties got off to an auspicious start, emerging victorious over four strong pre-season foes. The only blemishes on the pre-season slate were two defeats at the hands of Sherman and Marshall, both games lost by only one point. Again the Scotties stormed into the state play-offs, finally being eliminated in the semi-finals by a powerful, well-coached Odessa team which went on the next week to win the state championship.

The fact that Highland Park football teams have enjoyed such unusual success cannot be attributed to luck or a wealth of material alone. In the spring of the year some 125 grid hopefuls make their appearance on the gridiron for a

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Rusty Russell, junior halfback, is shown snaring a pass from quarterback Fred Benmers early in the second period of the Highland Park-Odessa game in the semifinals of the state race.

SPRING SPORTS

By JACK PAPP and DIXON OSBURN

IN THE spring the athletic Highlander's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of track, tennis, swimming, baseball or golf. These sports are major interests after the basketball season ends.

Among the most important spring sports at Highland Park is track. A brief resume of Texas Interscholastic organization for track and field might add to the understanding of this sport. The State of Texas is divided into thirty-two districts and eight regions. The first four men that place in each event in the district meets are sent to their regional meet. After the regional meets are held, the first three men that placed in each event in these meets are sent to the final state meet.

Up until the year 1937, Highland Park had never placed in a regional meet. That year, largely because of the excellent coaching of Floyd Hightower, who had just taken the position as coach, Kenneth Dealey from Highland Park broke the 440 district record and went on to the regional. That same year there were only three boys who lettered by placing in the district.

In 1938, the school received more track fame when Ralph Schrimpf, the captain of the team at that time, placed second in the one mile event at the state meet. One year later, the already famed Schrimpf again placed second in the mile and thus led his team into fourth place honors of the state meet. The Highland Park track team up to this point had developed considerable impetus, and in 1940 it reached a climax in achievement by winning the state title.

Another successful season the next year saw Highland Park the second best track team in the state. During that year and the next two, Highland Park set several records such as the regional 440, the 880 and the mile relay. Besides these, there were district records in the 100 yard dash, the 440, 880, the mile, the high jump, the pole vault and the mile relay. Although these records have been deleted from the books because of a change in the organization of the districts, the 100 yard dash and the pole vault have been regained by the Scotties, who have also added the shot put and sprint relay records to their list of achievements.



Highland Park Coaches: (Left to right) Ralph Binnion, basketball; J. C. Wofford, baseball; Floyd Hightower, track; Newman F. Casey, golf and B team football; Raymond Akin, tennis.

Floyd Hightower left his coaching job to enter the Navy in 1942, and his position was given to Al Dudley, who in turn also entered the service. After Dudley left, the responsibility of coaching went to Herman Morgan and Newman Casey in 1944 and 1945. Hightower returned in 1946; and, despite the hindrance of a late start, the team placed third in the district meet and placed in some events in the regional.

Tennis is another sport in which Highland Park is becoming well known through the excellent teams it has produced with Raymond Akin as coach. In 1942, Kenneth Crawford and Robert Tetley reached the doubles finals at the regional meet. No one from Highland Park had ever gone that far before. Later Crawford attended SMU, where he won the Southwest Conference Championship in 1945. He also added to his laurels the singles championships in the T. A. A. F. and Sabine tournaments.

The year 1945 brought two new tennis prospects to Highland Park, Jack Turpin and Dixon Osburn. Together they won both the district and regional doubles championships and went on to the state meet at Austin before they were defeated. During the summer they went to the National Boys' Championship tour-

nament in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and were ranked third nationally in doubles, and Turpin was ranked fourth in singles. In 1946 Turpin was not defeated in interscholastic singles play until he reached the state finals, and the doubles team, composed of Bob Butts and Dixon Osburn, went to the semi-finals, where they lost to the team from Corpus Christi, who eventually won the championship. This year Turpin was ranked second in doubles and fifth in singles in the National Boys'. Osburn was ranked eleventh in Junior Boys' Doubles (age 18 and under).

Promising players for 1947 are Harland Mayes and Bob Butts, while the girls' double team of Joan Akin and Carol Clabaugh is considered tops in this area.

The job of coaching the Highland Park swimming team is carried on by Wally Hoffrichter, a Texas University graduate, who came to Highland Park in 1945. The record of Highland Park has been extremely good. In 1944, the Scotties were led by Captain Joe McCracken to tie for the state championship. The following year Highland Park was runner-up for state championship honors. The team was led by Captain Jimmy Flowers. The crown-

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BASKETBALL AT HIGHLAND PARK

By ALBERT ROLLINS

THE 1947 basketball season at Highland Park is over. This year the Highlanders finished third in District 6AA. Despite the handicap of a late start, the Highlanders lost only one game in the second half of a double round-robin schedule. In the second half the Scots handed the champion Denton Bronchos their only defeat in the district schedule. On their home court, the Scots defeated the Bronchos, 44-24. Fred Benners, center and captain, and James "Sonny" Duncan, forward, were given all-district recognition.

Basketball is the most popular of the winter sports at Highland Park. The Scots have always managed to have a fast and ambitious team in this sport. Since the gymnasium at Highland Park has a capacity of only around eleven hundred, it is packed for every game. In the state play-offs the Highlanders are forced to use the Perkins Gymnasium at Southern Methodist University to accommodate the large crowds.

Basketball was first organized at Highland Park in 1926. Interest in basketball was comparatively low during the early years. In 1939 the Scots won their first district title. They repeated again in 1940, 1941, 1943 and 1944. All these quintets were fine ball clubs, but probably

the most outstanding was the 1943 five, who finished third in the state championship tournament at Austin, Texas. This was led by All-State Charles Harkey. In 1944 the Scots again went far in the state race, placing fourth at Austin. During the 1943 and 1944 seasons, the Scots were coached by Bruce Jeffers, who took over the duties of head basketball coach when Ralph Binnion joined the Navy. Mr. Binnion returned in 1945 and coached the 1946 team to second place in district 6AA. Basketball is growing in popularity every year, and the Scotties' teams are improving as the years go by. The coaches have developed such stars as Bill Henry, who made All-America mention three years at Rice Institute, and Bill Tom, who starred at Rice in 1945. Known for their cage ability as well as their football ability are Bobby Layne and Doak Walker. These boys played on the quintets of the University of Texas and Southern Methodist University respectively last year. Quite a few other former Scotties are playing on Southwest Conference quintets this year.

As soon as school begins in the fall, the boys who are interested in participating in basketball are invited to come out during the last

period every day. The Scots are greatly handicapped during their first scrimmages and games because many of the better players are playing football. Usually about two-thirds of the cagers play football, and they cannot come out for basketball until the football season is over.

The Scotties favor a fast type of play, whether the players be tall or short. There is usually an amazing variety in the height of Hi Park players, ranging from 5'2" to 6'4" on the same team. Mr. Binnion favors the man-to-man defense with variations. The offense of the Scots is not complicated, but it stresses the importance of quick and accurate ball handling and every lay-up shot. In the last few years, the Scots have been capable of setting up quite a few fast breaks each game, and the defense has found considerable trouble in stopping them.

As soon as the regular season is over, Mr. Binnion takes the names of all boys interested in basketball who will be back the next year. After spring football practice is concluded, a spring basketball practice is held for the boys who are not engaged in other spring sports. In this spring practice fundamentals

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Below, left: Coach Ralph Binnion gives Fred Benners, captain of the '47 team, some pointers on how to hold the ball. Right: 1947 Basketball A Squad.



SWIM SLANTS

By WALLY HOFFRICHTER

Swimming Coach, Highland Park High School

TEXAS high school swimming has improved greatly since the war, and the 1946 Texas State High School Champions, the Highland Park High School team, may have their hands full retaining their crown. The Scotties do not have a pool of their own to work out in—yet, they have dominated State interscholastic swimming for a long period of time.

High school swimming in Texas is limited, due mainly to the lack of indoor pools in the schools and the subsequent lack of year around development. The Highlanders are fortunate in that the Dallas Athletic Club allows them to use its downtown swimming facilities, and some of the mermen compete in top-notch swimming competition under the club colors prior to the interscholastic season.

A great number of the boys who try out for the team have no swimming background whatsoever. Some have never witnessed competitive swimming. Through daily coaching and practice in the atmosphere of championship calibre Club swimming, they soon gain the poise and competitive background so necessary to successful swimming.

Swimming interest at Highland Park is keen. Forty boys turned out for the 1947 team, although making the team requires intense daily training in the downtown pool after school hours. The vigorous training starts in September and competition extends through May.

Highland Park natators are holders of the majority of the State high school swimming records. Those held by Scottie mermen include: the 100 yard backstroke record of 1:04.1 set by Lloyd Smoot in 1942; 1:10.1 in the 100 yard breast stroke set by Jimmy Flowers in 1946; 1:47 for the 180 yard medley relay set by a trio of Highlanders: Henry Lindsley, Jim Flowers, and Robert Walker in 1946; and the State mark of 1:20.2 for the 160 yard free style relay set by Ken Winchester, Lloyd Smoot, Conway Moore, and Don Polakoff in 1941.

Good swimming alone is not the

Right: Skippy Browning, 15-year-old junior at Highland Park and a member of the swimming team, holds the Southwestern AAU Diving Championship for senior men.



Wally Hoffrichter, coach of the Highland Park High School State Championship swimming team, is also swimming coach of the Dallas Athletic Club, where both before and after the war he has developed many of the Southwest's leading swimmers. Many of the national place winners and champions from the Southwest have been guided through their high school and club competitive careers by Coach Hoffrichter's intensive swimming program.

A former national champion in high school, Mr. Hoffrichter teamed with Adolph Kiefer, Ralph Flanagan, and others of the nation's best swimmers as a member of the great University of Texas team of 1937-39. He was one of the first exponents of the now common "flying fish" or "butterfly" breast stroke and was an American record holder over various distances.



only product of the stimulated program. Last year, a fourteen-year-old Highland Park youngster, **Skippy Browning**, won the State High School diving championship and also won the Southwestern A.A.U. men's diving crown against seasoned diving stars from the University of Texas, Texas A & M College, and other swimming centers in the Southwest. This sensational young diving star won his first national diving title this year when he was judged the winner of the National A.A.U. Junior Men's One Meter Diving Championship on March 8.

Young Browning's development has been phenomenal. The many top coaches in the country who have seen him work predict that he is destined to be one of the finest divers in the country. Skippy possesses an inborn ability to compensate for dives which ordinarily would not be his best efforts. This is an ability which good coaching in itself is not enough to perfect. He is determined to be a great diver, and with his constant year around practice his future successes are practically assured.

The 1947 Highland Park team will have for its nucleus only three lettermen of last year's championship team. They are Robert Walker in the breast stroke; Don Gebert, a state finalist in the 220 yard free style; and defending diving champion, Skippy Browning. Near record performances by several first year men indicate, however, that the team will again be in the thick of the championship race.

The Scotties' schedule includes
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Athletic Equipment Outlook for 1947

The war is over but the fight is still on — the fight, that is, for athletic equipment. Many coaches and buyers of athletic equipment are still working under the illusion that since the war with Germany and Japan has ended their equipment problem has been solved. It has improved, but the solution is at least a year away.

It was hoped by manufacturers that immediately following V-J day and the cancellation of war contracts raw materials would be available and they would be able to immediately reconvert to civilian production. Unfortunately, shortages of critical materials, particularly leather, textiles, steel and rubber, delayed the starting of production schedules, and many new and inexperienced employees had to be trained.

The shortage of equipment at this time is due not so much to slow production as to the accelerated demand for all types of athletic equipment. There are several factors which contribute to this increased demand. Chief among these are:

(1) Popularity of the American games in Central and South America.

(2) Expansion of the physical training programs in the schools and colleges.

(3) The ever-increasing emphasis which is being placed on the value of recreation by industry.

(4) The inauguration of recreation programs by churches and other independent organizations.

(5) Inventories formerly carried by manufacturers, dealers and schools have been exhausted during the war.

In trying to meet this growing demand, manu-

facturers have been handicapped at times by labor problems or stymied by a shortage of some particular production. For example, football, baseball and track shoes can be manufactured completely up to the point of attaching cleats and spikes, but for the lack of cleat posts, toe and heel plates and spikes they remain unfinished. Helmets, leg guards and other items may be held up for lack of rivets.

Price Trends

Manufacturers are attempting to hold the line of price, but are doing so in the face of rising cost of materials and labor. Major commodities, such as leather, steel, yarns, rubber and textiles, are too high. They no doubt will recede, but no one knows how soon this recession will come. Even though it should come soon, it would not affect the present price levels for several months, since manufacturers must acquire their raw materials six to eight months in advance in order to produce the finished product and get it into the hands of the distributors. It appears that the present prices and, in some instances, higher prices, will remain in effect for the balance of 1947.

Care of Equipment

In view of the above picture, it behooves coaches and administrators to take proper care of the equipment which they have. The observation of a few fundamental rules will prolong the life of your equipment and save your association many dollars.

Purchasing Equipment

In the purchasing of athletic equipment we offer the following suggestions:

(1) Anticipate your needs and place your order well in advance. Don't place your order late and depend on high-pressuring your local dealer and the manufacturer into delivering it for you. There is a limit to what they can do and there are thousands of others who have placed orders.

(2) Plan your buying to conform to a standardized pattern, as to style, design and color scheme. This will often enable you to buy a few fill-ins instead of a complete new outfit.

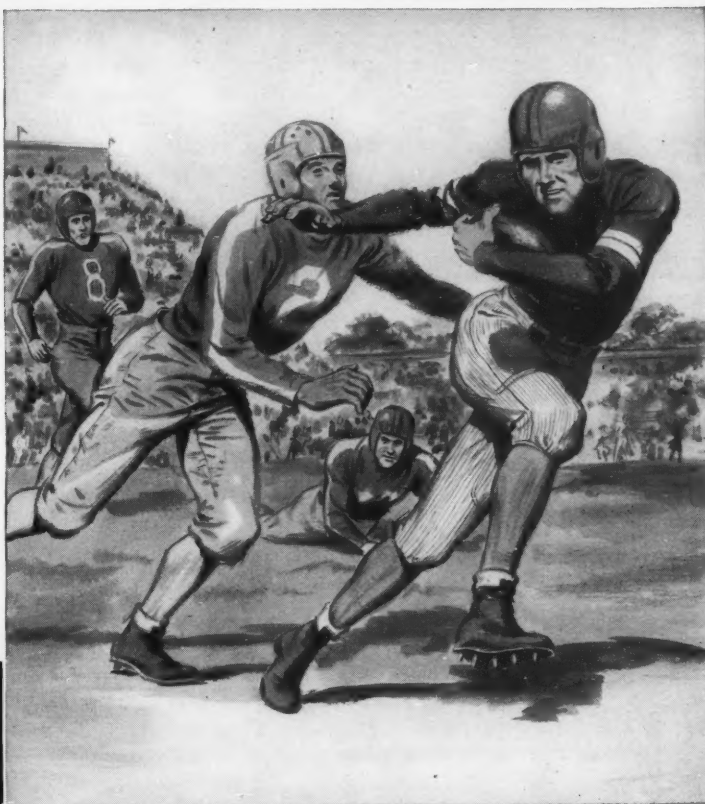
(3) Plan your buying so that your expenditures will be within the limit of your ability to pay. Polonius' advice to his son, Laertes, in Shakespeare's "Hamlet" is good advice to buyers of athletic equipment today: "Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy, but not expressed in fancy; rich, not gaudy."

(4) At the end of each season, collect the equipment which needs repair and send to a reputable reconditioning concern.

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THE 440-YARD DASH

By FLOYD HIGHTOWER
Track Coach, Highland Park High School

PERHAPS the most strenuous race in track is the 440-yard dash, because in reality it is neither a dash nor a distance race. The 440 requires a combination sprinter and over-distance man, one that has great stamina and competitive spirit. For these reasons, I have always started individuals out for track the first time on the 440-yard dash, and then I work up or down in selecting the individual's best distance or race.

After about the fifth week of practice we follow this schedule in conditioning men for the 440-yard dash: Monday is a day of overdistance work, striding 660 yards and several easy laps and working on form and stride. On Tuesday we have six starts, stride through two 660-yards with about twenty minutes between the two 660's. Wednesday is over-distance day with several laps of easy striding. Thursday is a day of rest; Friday is the race.

In running the open 440 without lanes, the runner must keep uppermost in his mind the importance of getting a good start and getting into position on the first turn, thus avoiding having to run on the outside. The best lane is the third from the rail or curb; in this position a runner can keep his field in sight; besides, if he does not get to the pole or curb on the first turn, he can get into position on the back side. In a meet it has always been my policy to have the men change after drawing for positions in order to give the fastest man every advantage to win the race. Of course, in any lane other than the first, second or third, the runner will have to use speed to get around the first curve and out of danger of getting fouled or boxed. After getting around the first curve, the runner should stride the back side keeping in striking distance of the pace setter at all times. Upon drawing near the third curve, the runner must get into a position to make a run for the finish; waiting for the final hundred yards will often prove disastrous to the 440-yard man. On drawing near the last and final turn, the runner should keep in mind his position; if he is running first, the man that will beat him may come up on the outside of the track; but if the opponent is directly behind, it is easier

Floyd R. Hightower, track coach at Highland Park High School, was an All-State end in his high school days in Hillsboro High School, and was also a member of track and baseball teams there. Hightower then attended Schreiner Institute, where he lettered in track and football, and also the University of Chattanooga, where he lettered in football four years under Frank Thomas and Red Drew. He won his letter in Track four years, graduating in 1932. During the seasons 1933 and 1934, Hightower was an assistant coach under Scrappy Moore at the University of Chattanooga. After two years at City High School, Chattanooga, as football and track coach, he came to Highland Park in 1936 as assistant football coach, track coach and director of Physical Education.

Hightower's track team won for Highland Park the school's first state championship, the Texas Interscholastic League track title in 1940, with first in the open 440, 880 and mile relay as well as a tie for first in the pole vault. After doing a 3½ year hitch in the Navy as a lieutenant, he is now building track teams at Hi Park once more and serving as commandant of cadets in the ROTC unit.

to hear him coming up. If the runner is in second, third, or fourth place, he should swing wide after turning the last curve, thus avoiding getting boxed and fouled by the other runners. More races in the 440 are won in the last 150 yards than any other race; as the legs tie up, running becomes more difficult, and usually the man with the best stamina and the best competitive spirit will finish near the top of the heap.

Conditioning men for the 440 also involves the question of diet. Several years ago I had a great 440 man by the name of Ken Dealey, who later made a name for himself in track at Southern Methodist University. At one of the big meets he came to me and said, "Coach, I need

more to eat for lunch." On that day he had been given a baked potato, roast beef and a cup of tea — ample food for the average man. Before the next meet I started giving him the usual potato and hot tea, but substituted a small steak for the roast beef. After that race I found that Dealey felt much better, as he required more food than the average man.

This was the case also of Larry Wolf, one of the greatest 440 men in the state of Texas, who later went to Texas A & M College and then lost his life in World War II. He required even more food than Dealey and ate a larger steak. I also tried this method on Ralph Schrimpf, who was a state champion, too, and found that 440-men are meat eaters who require more food for the meal before a race than do men who enter the other events.

I have found that an athlete can run the 440 and in fifteen minutes turn around and run another 440 in the mile relay, making as good or better time than the first 440. Many 220 and 880 men can be trained to become 440 men or to run a lap in the mile relay.

In choosing a man for the open 440 race, I would recommend athletes with stamina and competitive spirit, and I should not be surprised to find that the successful 440-man is a very carnivorous athlete.

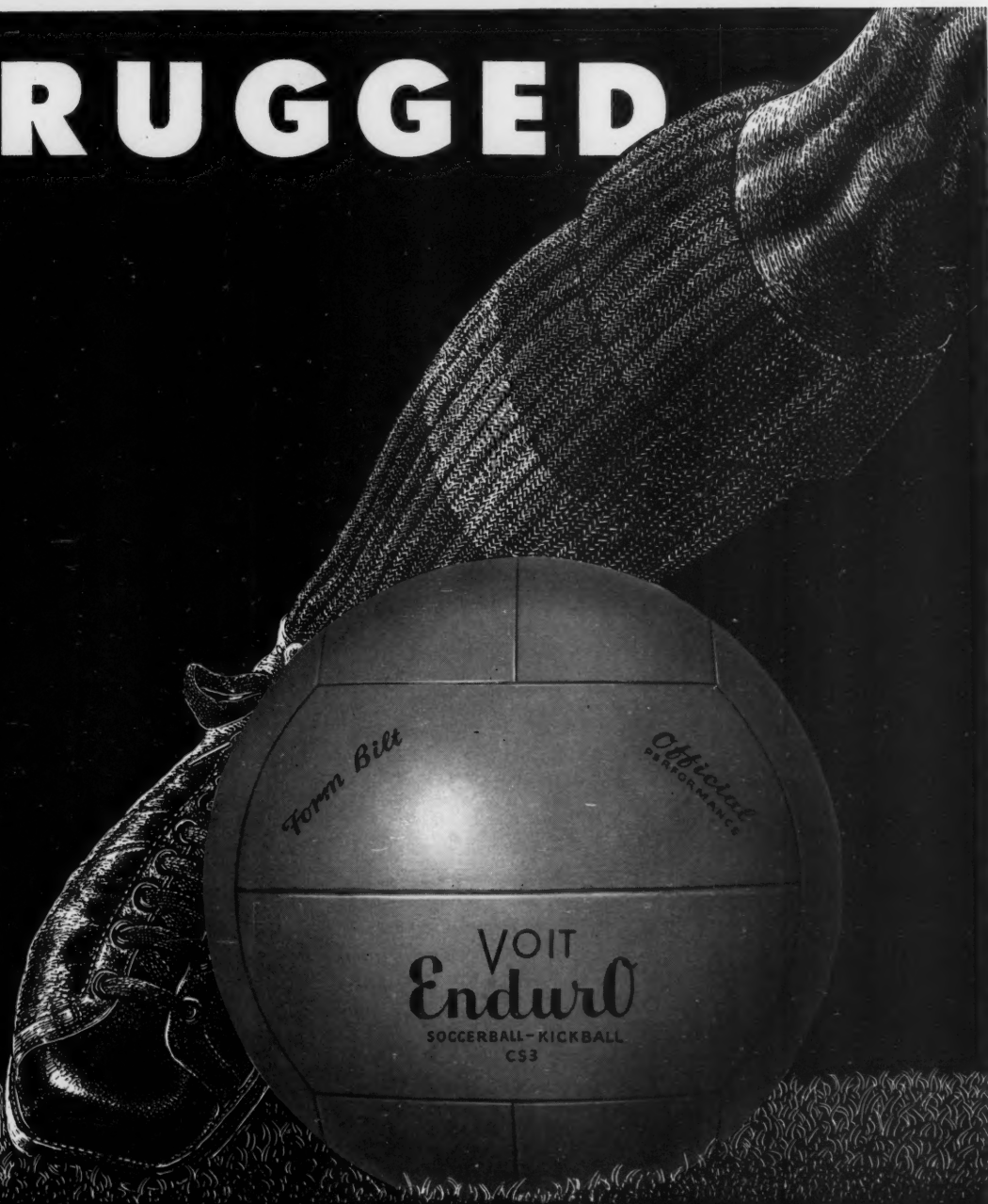
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IN DRIVING past the tennis courts in any city park, one is likely to see some perspiring gray-haired men earnestly engaged in a tennis match alongside some struggling youngsters who must use both hands to execute a stroke. On adjoining courts the singles match between two skilled and smooth stroking junior players is too often interrupted by the wild swinging of girls on another court who are playing just for the exercise. Such a scene is typical of the ancient sport of tennis. It is enjoyed by young and old of both sexes and is played with equal enthusiasm by the dud and the expert.

Tennis is one of the few high school sports that may be participated in for many years after leaving school. Yet it is one of the most neglected sports in the athletic program of schools throughout the nation. It is too often included on the athletic calendar as an after thought. A trained coach is not available, and a member of the faculty sponsors the tennis team for a few weeks in the spring months and schedules some matches with teams from other schools which are operating on the same basis.

The need for raising the status of tennis in our schools is obvious. It is a sad commentary that few of our outstanding junior players have been developed by the athletic departments of our schools. It is a fair guess that the tennis champions of your state learned their tennis outside of school. Many of the top ranking performers became good players because their families were members of exclusive tennis or country clubs, where they learned to play under the expert tutelage of the club pro.

If our promising young players are to develop into champions, they must have an opportunity to meet keen competition under tournament conditions. Unfortunately we are not providing such conditions for our young players. Municipal and club tournaments offer good training for a limited number of high school boys and girls; the United

States Lawn Tennis Association sponsors regional, state, and national tournaments during the summer. But to play in these tournaments, the participants must often travel great distances at their own expense. This means that the boys and girls whose families are in the lower income group and who cannot afford the luxury of extensive travel are often denied the chance to compete against the better players in the game. Such tournaments should be provided by the public schools, which educate the rich and poor in this democratic country.

To provide a well-rounded and democratic program of physical education for all of the students, our schools must expand their facilities for the so-called minor sports such as tennis. An adequate number of tennis courts should be built on the athletic field of the school; of course, if plenty of municipal courts are located near the school, fewer school courts would be required. The beginners should be able to get their training in gym classes, and the more advanced players would be transferred to the varsity squad. Even with a highly developed tennis program only a comparatively small number could become expert at the game. But the majority will have learned enough of the fundamental skills and the rules of the game to make it a source of pleasure to them many years after the track shoes and the football helmets have been permanently stored in the attic.

The case for tennis is a good one. It is an all-season sport, especially in the Sunny South. Traditionally it is a game in which fair play and courtesy are always in evidence. The experienced player will invariably give his opponent the benefit of the doubt on questionable plays. Boys and girls who are ambitious to become top ranking performers soon learn some valuable lessons in self control as well as concentration. And perhaps most valuable for an athlete, tennis players learn to lose gracefully without losing the will to win.

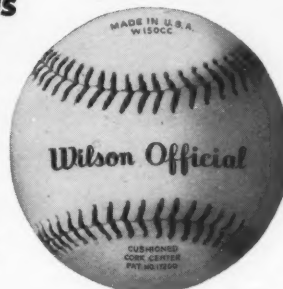
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DAILY SKULL SESSIONS

By J. C. WOFFORD

Baseball Coach, Highland Park High School

THE BACKGROUND and theory of baseball are discussed with all players at the daily skull sessions of twenty minutes preceding the actual practice. Each player is provided with a copy of a printed outline on fundamentals of baseball; one phase of the outline is discussed each day until all the players are acquainted with the contents of the entire outline.

I. General announcements

- A. Purpose of these daily meetings
- B. Information needed
- C. Schedule of games for the season
- D. Summer baseball
- E. Purpose of B-Team and eligibility rules
- F. Texas Interscholastic League baseball plan
- G. Practice routine and procedure on rainy days
 - 1. Necessity for cooperation in team practice
 - 2. Equipment needed and how to wear uniform
 - 3. Care of equipment, balls, bats, etc.
- H. Training rules

I. Personal responsibility as member of high school team

- 1. Representative of high school when on trips
- 2. Observance of school and baseball rules
- 3. Pull for success of team whether in line-up or on bench
- 4. Conduct of a good sportsman, on or off field

II. Offensive baseball

A. Batting

- 1. Form and grip on bat
- 2. Arm freedom and shoulder position
- 3. Batting rules
 - a. Keep your eye on the ball
 - b. Don't swing too hard
 - c. Swing only at strikes
 - d. Body control
 - e. Swing on head line, if possible
 - f. Discuss faults of players as shown in practice

B. Bunting and its importance

- 1. Bunt for sacrifice
- 2. Bunt for base hit
- 3. Bunt for squeeze play

J. C. Wofford is now beginning his second year as head baseball coach at Highland Park High School. Last year his team won the Dallas County League Championship with 9 wins and one loss. The Highland Park team reached the semi-finals in the state baseball tournament.

During the war Wofford served as a Chief Athletic Specialist for three and a half years. His baseball team at the Farragut U. S. Naval Center won 18 out of 23 games, while his football team ranked second in the Pacific Northwest among service teams.

During his college days at Southern Methodist University, Wofford was named on the All-Southwest Conference baseball team in 1937. He went on to play pro baseball in 1939 with the Dallas Rebels of the Texas League and the Greenville, Mississippi, team in the Cotton States League. Wofford played blocking back on Matty Bell's SMU team in 1936, '37 and '38.

C. Base running

- 1. Art of running bases
 - a. Object of base running
 - b. Importance of touching each base
- 2. Art of circling bases
 - a. When to begin circling base
 - b. Tagging the base
 - c. Run in straight line

D. Sliding

- 1. Purpose of sliding pads
- 2. When to slide
- 3. Types of slides
 - a. Hook slide
 - b. Fall-away slide
 - c. Head on dive
- 4. Determining direction of slide
 - a. By position of baseman
 - b. By direction ball comes from

E. Offensive plays and signals

- 1. Taking a pitch
- 2. Straight bunt for sacrifice
- 3. Straight steal
- 4. Squeeze play, safety and running
- 5. Hit and run

6. Bunt for base hit

- 7. Double steal, straight and delayed

F. Rules governing offensive baseball

III. Defensive baseball

A. Importance of team work in team defense

B. General hints and suggestions

- 1. Play the ball
- 2. What to do after fumbling hit ball
- 3. Position of feet and hands in throwing
- 4. Play the situation: always know where you will throw the ball, or listen for instructions from fellow players

C. Double plays

D. Defense for bunt and squeeze play

E. Defense for delayed or straight double steal

F. Battery signals

G. Catching runners off base

H. Situations of who will catch fly balls

I. Team defense on base hits

J. Handling trapped base-runners

K. Battery strategy

L. Importance of pitcher's backing up throws to bases

M. Position of catcher in taking throws at the plate, on force out and on tag

N. Tagging of runner by infielders

O. Backing up throws to bases by catcher, infielders, and outfielders

IV. Official rules of baseball

A. Kind of rules used by team

B. Copy of rules in school library

C. Pitcher's rules

D. Fair and foul hits

E. Rules governing the batter

F. Infield fly rule

G. Base running rules

- 1. Over-running first base
- 2. Advancing after a fair or foul fly ball has been caught
- 3. Batted ball hitting a runner

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PITCHING

By JOHN W. COOMBS
Baseball Coach, Duke University

Jack Coombs was one of the first, if not the first baseball player ever to make the jump straight from college into major league ball. He graduated from Colby College in Maine in June and that month joined the Philadelphia Athletics. On July 5, 1906, he pitched his first major league game, limiting the Washington Senators to six hits and winning, 3-0. On September 1 at Boston, Coombs pitched the longest game on record in the American League, going 24 innings before the A's beat the Red Sox, 4-1.

He became a real sensation in 1910. He won 31 of 40 games, had 13 shut-outs to set an all-time American League record, and in 12 other games opponents could nick him for only one run. He won three games in the World Series of 1910 against the Cubs, starting, finishing and winning, the second third and fifth games, beating Mordecai Brown twice and Ed Reulbach once. **HIS COMPLETE WORLD SERIES RECORD IS FIVE VICTORIES AND NO DEFEATS**, being one of the three pitchers (Herb Penneck and Lefty Gomez) who have done that feat.

He stayed with the A's through 1914 and then was with Brooklyn through 1918. His complete record is 159 victories and 110 defeats. He managed the Phillies in 1919, went to Detroit as coach in 1919 and 1920, then to Williams College as coach for three years, which he followed with five years at Princeton before coming to Duke in 1929.

Duke won the Southern championship in 1929, Coombs' first year there and has placed well in all years. Since 1930, no official conference championship has been recognized, although Duke has been unofficial champion several years.

One of the most astute students of the game and author of the most complete book ever written on baseball, Coombs' training and teaching methods are simple. He merely teaches the boys the fundamentals of baseball play, varying a bit from what is taught in the major league to make it fit the college player.

A PITCHER has the hardest position on any baseball team. He is one member of the team who *must* keep himself in the finest condition possible—both mentally and physically—because he must make use of a large amount of physical and mental energy. He must be without mental emotions, possess a heart of steel, because there are situations in every ball game which would try the patience of Job, the hero of one of the books of the Old Testament. He must be alert to all offensive situations and the defense to such situations. He must be cool and collected. I do not make this statement because I was a pitcher myself, but because experience has taught me that there is far more to the duties of a pitcher than simply standing upon the pitching rubber and throwing a ball toward the batsman.

In addition to pitching and fielding his position, he must be ready at all times to cover first base on all ground balls hit to his left. He must back up all bases—one base ahead of the opposing runner. And he must keep constantly aware of every defense situation in which any member of his team may find himself, especially, after a fumbled grounder or a dropped fly ball.

The bigger and stronger the young man, the better are his chances of becoming a successful pitcher. I do not mean a young man who at the age of 20 weighs 250 pounds, but rather a tall, rangy lad, because among our professional players such men have been the successful boxmen. Rarely does the small man have a prosperous career. But there are requirements more important than size among our amateur players, such as good condition, strong muscles, an alert mind, and courage.

There is not one pitcher who will make a success of a playing career without control—control of himself and control of the ball. What good is a very speedy ball, like those which were delivered by Walter Johnson, Amos Rusie, or, in our time, by Feller, if the ball cannot be put over the plate? What good is the skill of any pitcher if he loses heart, chokes up, or gets excited when the offensive team starts a batting spree, or his playing mates go to pieces on the defense?

Sports page readers often read from our daily columns about some very promising pitcher, one who cannot miss being retained upon the payroll of some Major League Club—but even though the writer thought he was correct in his statements about his young man, he is shipped back to some Minor League Club for experience. Let me say that experience is just another name for practice—and practice is the only way to learn control of the ball as well as control of one's self.

Here is the method which helped me when I was a freshman in the Major Leagues: practice pitching a fast straight ball directly over the plate about waist high. When a pitcher can do this, have the catcher sit in a chair and catch the ball. A pitcher quickly becomes conscious of the fact that there sits his target, which will assist him in perfecting his successful pitch, his fast ball. When this can be done, it is then time for the pitcher to pick out some spot on the catcher's uniform or some part of his anatomy for his target, left or right shoulder, left or right knee, left or right side of the belt. If a pitcher's progress appears to be rather slow, or if he gets discouraged, he should remember that being able to put the ball just where he wants it can pull him out of bad situations when nothing else will save him. Often a younger pitcher will have his eyes upon the batter instead of fixing his eyes upon his catcher. The catcher is always behind the plate and that player should be the target, rather than the batsman who often changes his position in the batter's box. *The pitcher must watch his catcher. Don't watch the batter.*

A pitcher should learn the weakness of each batsman. This is rather difficult in amateur baseball, but it can be done, especially if his team is playing a series of games against a natural rival. If a batter is a high ball hitter, the pitcher should try to hit his catcher's knee with the ball. If he likes them low, hit the catcher in the shoulders with each pitch. Always remember: *from the very start of a pitcher's delivery to the finish, the eyes must never leave the target picked out on the catcher.*

Almost every batsman has a weak-

ness, and many of them, without knowing it, reveal what it is. A smart, alert pitcher can profit by this. A pitcher should always watch his opponents as they take their batting practice and with his catcher and coach decide what and how he should pitch to each player. Here are some of the very important things which should be looked for and discussed:

1. If the batter's front foot (the one toward the pitcher) pulls away from the plate, pitch low and outside. The batter will be so far from the plate and from the line of the oncoming ball, that he cannot possibly drive the ball hard, if he hits it at all.

2. If the batter's rear shoulder drops as he swings his bat, pitch him high fast balls. The dropping of the shoulder will cause the bat to swing on an upward slant, and any ball he hits will go into the air unless he is a natural high ball hitter.

3. If the batter takes too long a stride, pitch high to him. The only place he would be able to hit the ball would be into the air as a fly ball. A slow ball, or a slow curve ball, is also effective against the batsman who takes an unusually long step as he swings his bat for the stroke.

4. If the batsman takes too short a stride, pitch low to him. He will not have enough arm movement to meet such a pitch with very much force.

5. If the batsman appears to be anxious to hit, *take your time*. Make him wait. This causes over-eagerness on the part of the batsman to hit—to make his swing, and he is less likely to have full confidence in himself.

The presence of runners on a base or bases is one of the great problems of a pitcher. This is where coolness and real thinking must be very apparent. These few suggestions may be of some help to a young man making a start as a pitcher:

1. Do not make a wind-up pitch when there is a runner on first base only. Stand with the pivot (back) foot upon the pitching rubber so that the front spike on the shoe is just on the front edge of the pitching plate. The other foot should be far enough in front to maintain a perfect balance. The elbows should rest on the hips, the hands in front, belt high, with the ball well hidden by the glove. A pitcher should be and must be equally ready to make a quick pitch to the batsman, or a quick throw to catch a runner off

base.

2. Never make a wind-up pitch when there is a runner on second base only. If a runner is occupying third base, with no other bases occupied which would invite stolen bases with a wind-up pitch, it is safe to wind-up before delivering the ball to the batsman. At the same time, the wind-up pitch should never be over-deliberate when third base is occupied by a runner.

3. When there is a runner occupying third base, in scoring position, it is well for a pitcher to have something in reserve, some pitch which has not been used profusely, and I would advise the use of a drop curve ball. This particular type of pitch is a hard one for the batter to hit and convert into a long fly ball which would allow the runner occupying third base to score after the catch.

4. A pitcher should avoid throwing slow balls when first base is occupied by a runner who is waiting a chance to steal second. The foundation of the offensive game should be in the mind of a pitcher at all times: "The number of runs ahead or behind, the number of outs, and the number of innings played." A

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SCOUT REPORT

On Coaches, Players, Officials and Fans

By DWIGHT KEITH

J. V. Sikes, University of Georgia baseball mentor, has been named chairman of the selection committee of NCAA baseball district 3. His committee will pick the team which will play as district representative in a tournament leading to the national playoff, in the nature of a "college world series."

The University of Georgia is making preparations for the ninth annual Southern Collegiate Golf Tournament which will be held at the Athens Country Club April 17, 18 and 19. The Southeastern Conference championship is awarded automatically to the medalist in qualifying rounds of the tourney. Individual winners since the tournament's inception in 1935 have been Paul Leslie, L.S.U.; Fred Haas, L.S.U.; Rosser Little, Georgia; Tommy Barnes, Georgia Tech; Joe Taylor, Duke; Bert McDowell, L.S.U.; Bob Brownell, Duke; and Sonny Ellis, L.S.U.

Mrs. Mary Ella L. Soule, head of the Department of Health and Physical Education for Women at the University of Georgia, announces the annual sports clinic for girls' and women's activities which will be sponsored by the University of Georgia June 11-16. This clinic is conducted for girls who wish to improve their own skills in individual team sports and to teachers interested in coaching and officiating these activities.

Dan Edwards of Gatesville, Texas, is president of the "G" Club at the University of Georgia.

Jack Waddell, popular sporting goods manufacturer's representative, was senior boxing instructor, Chief Specialist A, during the war. Most of his time was spent at Newport Naval Training Station where his team won the Narragansett Golden Gloves Tournament. He also coached the boxing team of the U.S.S. Missouri. By coincidence, the peace treaty was signed on this ship on his wife's birthday. Jack's older son, Deane, was cited for heroism on the U.S.S. Bailey during the Kormandoski battle. Deane took part in five major battles. Younger son, Billy, saw most of his service in the China area on the L.S.T. 1044. While husband and both sons were away at war, Mrs. Waddell carried on Jack's business in Nashville. We think she is in line for a citation.

Albany, Georgia, High School has resumed baseball this spring. John Duke, All-Southern and All-State basketball center, is holding down the hot corner. Waycross and Valdosta are planning new football stadiums for their high schools.

Cecil Moon, former Oglethorpe star, will head the coaching staff at Hoke Smith High School of Atlanta. Hub Dowis, Shirley Watkins and Lloyd Kimmell will complete his staff.

Albert Sanchez won the title in the "Mr. G.M.A." contest held at Georgia Military Academy to select the best built cadet. Albert is a Spanish boy from Tampa, Florida. The contest was directed by Major Bill Curry of the G.M.A. Physical Education Department.

Vernon Hornback has been named basketball coach at Vanderbilt University. Hornback has been assistant to Ed Diddle at Bowling Green, Kentucky.



Alvin Halpern, guard on Atlanta Boys' High basketball team, was selected the outstanding player of the season and awarded the Robert Chaffin Memorial trophy. The Chaffin award, named in honor of the first Boys' High boy to lose his life in World War II, was won in 1945 by Dan Roberts and in 1946 by Doug Smith. Halpern is also an outfielder on the baseball team.

Paul Chambers, former Fulton High School athlete, has signed a baseball contract with the Boston Red Sox.

Joe Bean celebrated his seventy-third birthday while still active as the athletic director at the Atlanta Athletic Club. Joe was athletic director of the Cambridge, Massachusetts, Port gymnasium at the age of twenty. Since then, he has coached track at Tufts College, played professional baseball for fifteen years, coached baseball at the University of Georgia and at Georgia Tech, coached twenty-eight years at Marist College, coached baseball at the Atlanta Progressive Club, the Draughon Business College and North Fulton High School.

Billy Ball of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is president of Auburn's "A" Club. He was president of the junior class, a triple-threat halfback and a sprinter in track.

Danny Doyle is Auburn's new baseball and basketball coach. Danny is a graduate of Oklahoma A. & M. where he was a standout in baseball and basketball, being named All-Missouri Conference guard for two seasons.

Johnny Mauer, popular and successful basketball coach at the University of Tennessee, has accepted a similar position at West Point. Mauer's many friends in the Southeastern Conference wish him well in his new position.

Dick Hitt, basketball coach at Mississippi State College, has accepted the position of line coach at the University of Wyoming. He joins his former associate, Bowden Wyatt, who is the new head football coach at Wyoming.

Carroll Keller of Birmingham has been chosen captain of Auburn's 1947 Southeastern Conference and Southeastern A.A.U. championship wrestling team. Keller, a 145-pound freshman, won eight and lost two matches during the season.

Dixie Howell has accepted the position of head football coach at the University of Idaho and signed as his assistants Ben Ennis as line coach and Perron Shoemaker as end coach.

Ray Graves and **Lewis Woodruff** have been added to the Georgia Tech coaching staff and made their initial appearance in coaching togs at the spring football practice sessions. Coach Graves, the new line coach, is a

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Traveling 'Round the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

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JACK HORNER

Special Staff Correspondent



ONE of the prize headlines of the season was the one a University of Virginia student newspaper had on the first day of spring football practice for Coach Art Guepe's Cavaliers . . . It read, "Eight Gridders Answer First Call by Guepe" . . . It should have read eighty . . .

Southern Conference football players are accepting pro grid contracts right and left . . . The Chicago Bears plucked Duke's 1946 starting guards, Ernest (Bear) Knotts and Charles (Bill) Milner . . . Buffalo signed N. C. State's Paul Gibson, brilliant end . . .

FRED PERRY, the well-known British tennis professional, has resumed his tennis coaching duties at Washington and Lee after spending the winter in the Caribbean area . . .

The Southern Conference has lost one of its best-known and best liked coaches in Bunn Hearn, University of North Carolina baseball mentor, who suffered a stroke recently . . . It may be months before he can get out of bed . . . Walter Rabb, intramurals instructor and former pro player, has succeeded Hearn as boss of the Tar Heel diamond club . . .

One of the most sought-after athletes in the country is Charles (Chuck) Stobbs, outstanding three-letterman at Granby High School of Norfolk, Virginia . . . The pro baseball scouts and college coaches are running a merry race for his services . . . He's a six-foot, 170-pounder who graduates in June . . .

JACKIE BRUCE is the name William and Mary followers want to remember next fall . . . He ran like the Bruce of 1944 in winter drills . . .

Conference basketball coaches have formed an association . . . Mac Pitt of Richmond University is president, Gerry Gerard of Duke is vice-president and Norman Shepard of Davidson is secretary-treasurer . . .

CHARLIE (CHOO CHOO) JUSTICE, who went through the 1946 football season without an injury, suffered a broken toe playing for a picked basketball team called the Carolina Clowns . . . Coach Carl Snavely says no more basketball for the Choo Choo . . . He's taking no chances of his prize pupil getting hurt . . .

Nine freshmen and one sophomore sparked N. C. State College Red Terrors to the loop cage title . . . Which is bad news for State opponents for the next three years . . .

The big basketball story of the year was the benching of John (Hook) Dillon, 1946 All-America, by newcomer Coach Tom Scott of North Carolina . . . Dillon, who scored 452 points in 1946 under Ben Carnevale, who went to Navy and was named coach of the year, lost his pivot duties to Sherman Nearman, six-foot-six freshman from Charleston, West Virginia, midway the season and Coach Scott kept the famous hook-shot artist on the bench the rest of the year . . . The benching of Dillon was one of the cage season's big mysteries . . . But Scott was given credit for turning in the finest coaching job in the conference, considering his material . . . He clinched a life-time job by beating Duke twice . . .

RED LEWIS, one of Duke's greatest track stars, has succeeded Dayton Dean as business manager of athletics at Duke University . . .

JIM TATUM admitted Oklahoma offered to give him a ten-year contract and one alumni promised to build him a house if he'd stay on as head coach of the Sooner football team . . . "They say I'm at Maryland for life," smiles genial Jim, "but I got them to let me sign a five-year contract." . . .

GIANT AL ADAMS, six-foot-six University of South Carolina center, is considered one of the finest basketball players ever to hit the section . . . For a big boy, he moves around the court with plenty of speed and handles a basketball like it was a baseball . . .

Here's bad news for Duke football foes: George Clark, the brilliant broken field runner of 1944-45 who was a flop last year, ran like the Clark of old in Duke's winter grid drills . . . His legs bothered him last fall after a hitch in the Navy . . .

TOM FETZER, ex-G.I. who played freshman ball at Wake Forest, may be the successor to Nick Sacrinty and Red Cochran at tailback for the Demon Deacons . . . He hails from Sacrinty's hometown of Reidsville, North Carolina . . .

North Carolina captured the conference wrestling and swimming titles . . . And the Tar Heel trackmen walked off with first place in the annual Southern Invitational indoor games . . .

RONY CATES, sharpshooting forward for little Elon College of the North State Conference was the top collegiate point-maker of this section . . . The Burlington, North Carolina, star burned the nets for 455 points in 26 games . . . Ed Koffenberger of Duke scored 210 points in twelve games to lead the Southern Conference . . . For Duke's twenty-seven games, Koffenberger pumped in 416 points, a new record for a Blue Devil player . . .

HARVEY (STUD) JOHNSON, one of William and Mary's all-time greats, assisted Coach Rube McCray with winter gridiron drills after Backfield Coach Eric Tipton reported to St. Paul to play baseball with the American Association Club . . .

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TRACK SEASON IS WITH US

From the marks being set in the various invitation track meets over the state, prospects are bright for another fine state meet in Austin the first week-end in May. According to information on national marks set last year, Texas ranks fifth in the nation on the cinder paths, which isn't so bad for a sport that is so badly crippled because of spring football practice. (For the "slow" readers that last remark was supposed to be sarcastic.) This rank is maintained despite the fact that Texas' eligibility rules are about the strictest in the nation. (Note to out-of-state readers: Texans are going to have to brag a little—so please don't take offense.)

Based on the Texas system of awarding points on the basis of six places on a 10-8-6-4-2-1 ratio, Texas athletes would have scored 27½ points in a national meet. Although this method takes into consideration only the first place winners over the nation and is not entirely accurate, it serves as a fairly accurate yardstick for comparison.

Vern McGrew, Lamar (Houston) high jump star who followed up his state championship with the national title, was the only record breaker with his leap of 6 feet, 5 inches. Randall Clay, Pampa discus star, added six more points with his 153' 11¼" toss. Other state marks that figured in the national picture were: Mike Mercado, El Paso, who negotiated the quarter mile in 50.2; Cleburne Price of North Dallas with a 22.7 in the low hurdles; and Lee Miller of Burbank (San Antonio) who was clocked at 14.9 over the high sticks.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DOC AND COTTON

Congratulations are in order to Doc Hayes and Cotton Weidman for their promotions to "big time." After a long, successful career as basketball coach at Crozier Technical High School (Dallas), Doc Hayes is moving across town to take over the roundball reins at S. M. U. Weidman has moved from Marshall High to Daniel Baker College in Brownwood. Both will be sorely missed in high school circles.

Hayes' presence at the state basketball meet has been considered a permanent fixture. In addition to doing a darn good job of coaching, Weidman has been very active in the coaches' association. Although our congratulations are enthusiastic, we have a suspicion that they are not nearly as hearty as those of the other high school basketball coaches in Dallas and the football coaches in the eastern part of the state that have had to play these coaches every year.

Swede McMurry is taking over the Marshall post, and if his past record is any barometer the football coaches up in District 11AA might not get any rest after all.

There is at least one more college staff vacancy to be filled that will probably take another successful high school coach from our ranks.

DO YOU READ THE "CONSTITUTION AND RULES?"

High school coaches generally keep pretty well posted on everything of a professional nature. They scramble for any new information off the presses, flock to summer coaching schools in droves and study the rule book religiously; but we have a suspicion that many have neglected reading the "Constitution and Rules of the University Interscholastic League." Many questions that come into the League office both verbal and written could be easily settled by familiarity with this annual publication. In fact, some of us have shown an amazing ignorance of its contents.

One reason for putting in this paragraph is that the writer's own conscience is hurting him on that score. Just last Sunday we heard about a couple of schools being "in dutch" for staging an inter-squad scrimmage during spring practice. And can you imagine our embarrassment when we found on page 78 of this little gray book this rule:

"27. **No Spring Football Games**—No member-school shall play any football game, practice, or scrimmage with another high school after February 1. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be assessed by the State Executive Committee."

The rule is painfully obvious and perfectly plain—and we could have been caught on it. Another instance that we recall in regard to certain types of credit not being acceptable as counting toward eligibility. On coming across the ruling we ran to our eligibility sheets to see if we had violated it. Fortunately none of ours had been submitted on eligibility records; but we admit that it was purely a case of luck. Those two scares are enough for us—we're going to include that little book on our "must" list along with the other professional literature. We are just passing this on for what it may be worth.

ANOTHER INSTANCE CITED

You will also recall that last fall one team was suspended from the playoff for playing a boy who had his 18th birthday May 1. The age rule on page 17 states clearly "No one shall take part in any contest in this League who, on the first day of May preceding the contest **has reached or passed** his eighteenth birthday."

The cases where teams have suffered from the authorities' ignorance of the rules are multiple. This is just one risk that there is no use taking. It is bad enough to be slipped up on because of a birth certificate that

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SPRING SPORTS

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ing event came in 1946 when Pat Rose and Flowers led the team to a state victory. During that year of achievements, Flowers set a record for the 100 yard breast stroke, and Skippy Browning won the diving honors. The combination of Flowers, Henry Lindsley and Robert Walker also set a record for the 150 yard medley relay.

Becoming more prominent in the eyes of sports fans at Highland Park is baseball. The team is coached by J. C. Wofford, who made all state when in high school and coached several teams while he was in the Army.

Previously baseball was not included in the interscholastic league calendar, but this year it will be played in the same districts as the state football race. Practice starts in February and continues until May 15, and the Highlanders expect to make baseball a major sport. Bobby Layne is probably the only Hi Parker ever to receive much fame in baseball. As a high school player, he was regarded as one of the best pitchers in the state. Layne is now the number one pitcher at the University of Texas.

During the summer, the American Legion teams are organized for boys under seventeen and are coached by the high school coaches. These teams play other schools that are organized throughout the county. This new league is popular and promises to be a favorite in the future.

After a brief pause during the war, Highland Park will again sponsor the Texas High School Golf Tournament under the direction of Newman F. Casey. This year will be the seventh time that the meet has been held. The dates for the tournament have been set for April 22-26. Its purpose is to promote golf in the high schools of Texas and to select a state high school champion. As many as six boys from any high school in Texas may compete in the tournament, provided each player is eligible according to the rules of the Interscholastic League.

The process of selecting a team from Highland Park has been narrowed to four men. These boys were chosen according to the results of the school tournament. Todd Green, Stewart Campbell, Burt Bond and Dick Brown were the four boys to reach the semi-finals. John Touchstone, a letterman from last year, will also compete in the Texas High School Tournament.

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BASKETBALL SUMMARIES

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

By JACK HORNER

EDITOR'S NOTE: Additional basketball summaries for the high school and college conferences of the South will be carried in the May issue. We will welcome pictures and records of championship teams.

A gang of sharpshooting freshmen Red Terrors from North Carolina State College, pace-setter during the regular season of play, emerged triumphant in the 1947 Southern Conference basketball tournament, bringing the institution its first loop title since Coach Gus Tebell (now cage coach at Virginia U.) piloted the Red Terrors to victory in the 1929 tournament held in Atlanta, Georgia.

State College, coached by newcomer Everett Case, squeezed out a 50-48 win over University of North Carolina's White Phantoms in the championship game after barely finishing ahead of the Phantoms by half a game in the final standings during the season.

The titular battle between the two brother institutions was considered a re-play of the cancelled game between the schools at Raleigh when the fire department would not permit a return State-Carolina game to be played in Frank Thompson Gym because it was overcrowded and violated city fire and safety regulations.

Called off a few minutes before game time, first such cancellation in the history of the conference, the contest was not re-scheduled because the loop tournament was so near at hand.

Therefore, State's Red Terrors nosed out Carolina by a half-game margin in the regular season standings. State handed Carolina one of its two losses in an overtime game at Chapel Hill. Maryland beat the White Phantoms in their only other defeat. State dropped tilts to Duke

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North Carolina State — Southern Conference champions—Coached by Everett Case. Front row, left to right: Carl Anderson, assistant coach; Leo Katkavek, Norman Sloan, Dick Dickey, Charles Stine, Jack McComas and Head Coach Everett Case. Back row: Warren Cartier, Pete Negley, Bob Hahn, Ed Bartels, Harold Snow.

The final Southern Conference standings follow:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
N. C. State	11	2	.846	805	586
North Carolina	10	2	.833	652	552
Duke	10	4	.714	766	682
George Washington	9	4	.692	761	628
Maryland	9	5	.643	723	709
Richmond	8	5	.615	642	664
South Carolina	7	5	.583	651	593
Washington & Lee	7	6	.538	794	739
William & Mary	6	6	.500	574	554
Davidson	7	7	.500	804	709
Wake Forest	8	9	.471	815	884
Furman	5	7	.417	591	624
Virginia Tech	4	9	.308	627	698
Clemson	2	12	.143	698	943
Virginia Military	1	11	.083	579	707
Citadel	1	11	.083	512	722

The leading scorers for Southern Conference games only:

Player	School	G	FG	FT	TP
Koffenberger	Duke	12	81	48	210
Giermak	William & Mary	11	86	23	195
Walters	Wake Forest	15	51	68	170
Crockett	Washington & Lee	11	61	43	165
Hamilton	North Carolina	11	66	22	154
Adams	South Carolina	12	53	42	148
Dickey	N. C. State	13	62	22	146
White	Davidson	13	53	35	141
Martin	South Carolina	12	61	18	140
Stewart	Furman	10	55	28	138
Cheek	Davidson	13	51	36	138
Brown	Maryland	12	52	32	136
Miller	Richmond	12	55	24	134
Harner	Washington & Lee	11	58	18	134
Negley	N. C. State	13	48	38	134



SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

THERE was nothing unusual about the Southeastern Conference basketball race for 1947 except the breaking of a lot of records, for the Kentucky Wildcats, as predicted, romped through the rest of the competition with ease and won the annual tournament title for the fourth year in a row. It was their ninth title in fourteen events.

The Wildcats, before starting defense of their National Invitational title in Madison Square Garden March 17, won 32 of 34 games, including four in the annual tournament at Louisville.

Until this year, the previous high score for a Kentucky team was 83 points, but the Wildcats equalled or passed that total six times in thirty regular-season games. Three of those games were against conference teams, as Coach Adolph Rupp's five went unbeaten in eleven tilts.

Louisiana State was second with a 9-2 record, Tennessee was third with 10-3 and Alabama fourth with 13-5.

The Wildcats set a new tournament total points mark with 312, and a one-game score with 98 against Vanderbilt, winning 98-29.

Jim Homer, Alabama center, set a new season's scoring record of 268 points in 18 games, beating the 225 mark of Mississippi's Country Graham, established in 1938 in 13 games. Homer also set new records in total field goals with 96, and foul goals with 76. Graham held

Ten leading scorers (includes tournament):

	G	FG	TP
Alex Athas, Tulane, 31 games.....	146	81	371
Warren Perkins, Tulane, 31 games.....	148	73	369
Alex Groza, Kentucky, 34 games.....	139	84	362
Ralph Beard, Kentucky, 34 games.....	148	64	360
Frank Brian, La. State, 21 games.....	122	86	330
Jim Homer, Alabama, 22 games.....	123	81	327
Wes Paxson, Ga. Tech, 23 games.....	123	54	300
Hans Tanzler, Florida, 25 games.....	120	56	296
Ken Rollins, Kentucky, 34 games.....	103	84	290
Virgil Risner, Tulane, 31 games.....	128	30	286

1946-47 CONFERENCE STANDINGS:

Team	Conference				All Season			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Kentucky	11	0	774	439	28	2	2051	1124
Louisiana State	9	2	619	516	15	3	1038	838
Tennessee	10	3	678	482	15	4	1000	673
Alabama	13	5	839	718	16	5	998	796
Tulane	8	5	648	607	20	8	1612	1353
Georgia Tech	6	6	597	621	10	10	1013	1015
Florida	4	4	306	344	17	8	1110	941
Vanderbilt	4	7	476	604	7	7	655	713
Mississippi State	4	9	569	713	10	11	1028	955
Georgia	4	9	569	713	5	13	808	976
Mississippi	2	11	522	700	7	13	877	943
Auburn	1	15	619	875	3	17	942	1073

(Standings do not include tournament games.)

both previous records, 90 and 68, set in 1938 and 1936 respectively.

The tournament results: (first round)

Upper Bracket:

Tennessee 58, Georgia 45
Tulane Bye
La. State 61, Mississippi 36
Florida Bye

Lower Bracket:

Ga. Tech 65, Miss. State 52
Alabama Bye
Kentucky 98, Vanderbilt 29
Auburn Bye

(Second round)

Tulane 47, Tennessee 41
La. State 60, Florida 45
Kentucky 84, Auburn 18
Ga. Tech 43, Alabama 40

(Semi-finals)

Tulane 63, La. State 50
Kentucky 75, Ga. Tech 53

(Championship)

Kentucky 57, Tulane 38

The all-tournament team was made up, for the first time in history, of the entire lineup of one team—Kentucky.

Jack Tingle, forward, in making the team, became the first player in history to make it four straight times. Others were Joe Holland, Wallace Jones, Ralph Beard and Ken Rollins.

The second team was composed of Alex Athas of Tulane, Frank Brian of La. State, Alex Groza of Kentucky, Warren Perkins of Tulane and Frank Broyles of Georgia Tech.

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NORTH CAROLINA

By JACK HORNER

Coming back with practically the same team which was ruled out of the State race the year before on a technicality, the scrappy Wildcats from New Hanover High School of Wilmington walked off with the 1947 North Carolina Schoolboy basketball championship with plenty of room to spare.

Wilmington, coached by Leon Brogden, former Wake Forest College athlete, rolled through the Eastern Class AA Conference competition without a loss, sweeping all twelve loop starts, and then knocked off Greensboro's Western Conference winners in the State titular game.

Then to prove the 42-38 triumph was no fluke, Wilmington defeated Greensboro in more convincing fashion by 44-23 in the consolation championship game of the annual Duke-Durham Southern Invitation High School tournament a week later when the two rivals met in a rematch for third place honors in the schoolboy event staged at Duke University.

It was Wilmington's first state basketball championship in eighteen years, the 1929 Wildcats winning the school's last title. For Greensboro, it gave Coach Bob Jamieson runnerup laurels for the second straight year. Greensboro bowed to Durham in the 1946 state titular contest. But Greensboro defeated Durham in 1945 for the state crown.

While Wilmington had an easy time winning the Eastern Conference honors this year, Greensboro barely squeezed past High Point in the hot race in the Western division. The State Association is divided into Eastern and Western districts, and the two leaders square off for the championship at the end of the season.

Wilmington's victory in the East marked the first time in ten years Durham failed to finish on top the pack. The Bull City cagers, tutored by Paul Sykes, had won the Eastern Conference title nine consecutive years until Wilmington dethroned them this year. In that span, Durham pocketed the State title seven times.

Johnny McKoy, six-foot-six center, and **Billy Mason**, sharpshooting forward, paced Wilmington to the state championship. Mason rolled in 294

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NEW HANOVER HIGH, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA — STATE CHAMPIONS. Coached by Leon Brogden.

Front row, left to right: W. A. Brown, John Crowley, Louis Collie, Marion Rogers, Fitzhugh Fennell.

Back row: Charles Smith, Billy Mason, Don Hyatt, Jr., John McKoy and LeRoy Towles.



GREENSBORO HIGH — STATE RUNNER-UP AND ENTRY IN EASTERN STATES TOURNAMENT AT GLENS FALLS, N. Y. Coached by Bob Jamieson.

Front row, left to right: Jim Hock, Don Lanford, Rick Ferrell (captain), Larry Dempsey, Earl Keister, Harry Morrison.

Back row: Horton Highfill, Herman Enochs, Andy Frazier, Tal Henry, Chuck Whitcomb, Buddy Webb, Bobby Crews.



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ARKANSAS

By ERNIE CRONE

THE Arkansas high school basketball ranks were again dominated by the Little Rock High School Tigers, who won the conference title, the state Class A tournament and then defeated the Class B champions in the state playoff.

It was the fourth straight state title for the Tigers who rose from the unknown ranks in 1944 under the coaching of their bald-headed mentor, Everett Barnes.

After surviving their first game with a highly-touted and there-to-fore undefeated quintet from Mansfield, which was played at 8 a.m. and would have attracted a turn-away crowd had the time been more appropriate, the Tigers came back that night to eliminate a strong Pine Bluff five, 46 to 22. They ousted Mansfield 45 to 40 after a see-saw game which saw the Bengals trail most of the way.

Then Little Rock had its hardest tussle of the tournament in the semifinals when they staved off a Jonesboro rally to go into the final game with a 49-to-47 victory.

In the opposite bracket, Van Buren had been sailing along smoothly until they came up against another previously undefeated Emerson five, a bunch of small but hustling South Arkansans who were the idols of the gallery. Emerson put up a stiff battle before bowing out in the last few minutes, 40 to 36.

After both finalists had engaged in airtight games Saturday morning, they came together Saturday night for the crucial clash. Van Buren's Pointers jumped into a quick 15-10 lead the first quarter, but the Tigers of LRHS came back with brilliant rebound work to gain a 30-21 margin at halftime.

The second half saw the Tigers protecting their nine point lead by reversing their form and playing a very slow, determined game, scoring if the opportunity came but not trying to run up a big score. At one time, the Tigers' All-State duet, Bobby Boggess and Earl Harvey, played catch for almost two minutes before Van Buren finally came out and got them.

Little Rock and Van Buren led the balloting for the All-State selections, each placing two men, while



LITTLE ROCK HIGH SCHOOL—CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONS.
Coached by Everett Barnes.

Left to right: Glenn Evans, Jimmy Albright, Gene Hall, Edgar Rowe, Charlie Beardsley, Bill Wright, Gary McNutt, Bobby Boggess, Sammy Smith, Louie Schaufele, David Hunter, Fred Stonewall Williams, Hal Cochran, Earl Harvey, Buckey Carson.

Jonesboro landed the other spot on the first team. The All-State teams are as follows: First team, Bobby Boggess (Little Rock) and Jake Holman (Jonesboro) forwards; Junior Baber (Van Buren) center; Earl Harvey (Little Rock) and D. L. Miller (Van Buren) guards. Second team, Bobby Lassiter (Mansfield) and Fred Williams (Little Rock) forwards; Oren Adams (Leachville) center; Frank Fischel (Helena) and Dud Waller (Emerson) guards.

Little Rock captured the conference race also with a record of 18 victories against a one-point loss to Jonesboro which was the only blemish on their record.

Bobby Boggess captured scoring honors in the conference with 243 points, while Van Buren's Baber led the state tournament scorers with 50 points in four games. Boggess was next with 46 points.

Final standings follow:

STANDINGS	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
Team					
Little Rock	18	1	.947	930	487
Jonesboro	7	1	.875	430	322
El Dorado	12	2	.857	697	450
Texarkana	6	2	.750	308	261
Hot Springs	12	5	.706	719	579
North L. R.	9	5	.643	489	376
Pine Bluff	6	9	.400	452	489
Benton	3	5	.375	245	341
Russellville	3	5	.375	264	336
Smackover	3	7	.300	300	351
Camden	3	6	.272	309	442
Ft. Smith	1	4	.200	142	230
Fordyce	2	9	.182	284	447
Malvern	2	11	.154	400	555
Hope	2	13	.133	415	676
Blytheville	0	2	.000	92	134

INDIVIDUAL SCORING	GP	FG	FT	TP	PG	Avg.
Player-School						
Boggess, Little Rock	19	104	35	243	12.8	
Parks, El Dorado	14	101	19	221	15.7	
Keck, Hot Springs	17	66	55	187	11.1	
Williams, Little Rock	18	73	30	176	9.7	
Bale, Hot Springs	17	68	20	156	9.0	
Ryburn, Pine Bluff	14	55	38	148	10.5	
Brewer, Hot Springs	17	62	17	141	8.4	
Carroll, North L. R.	14	43	43	129	9.3	
Thomason, Hot Springs	17	45	19	109	6.8	
Kirkpatrick, Benton	8	48	9	105	13.0	

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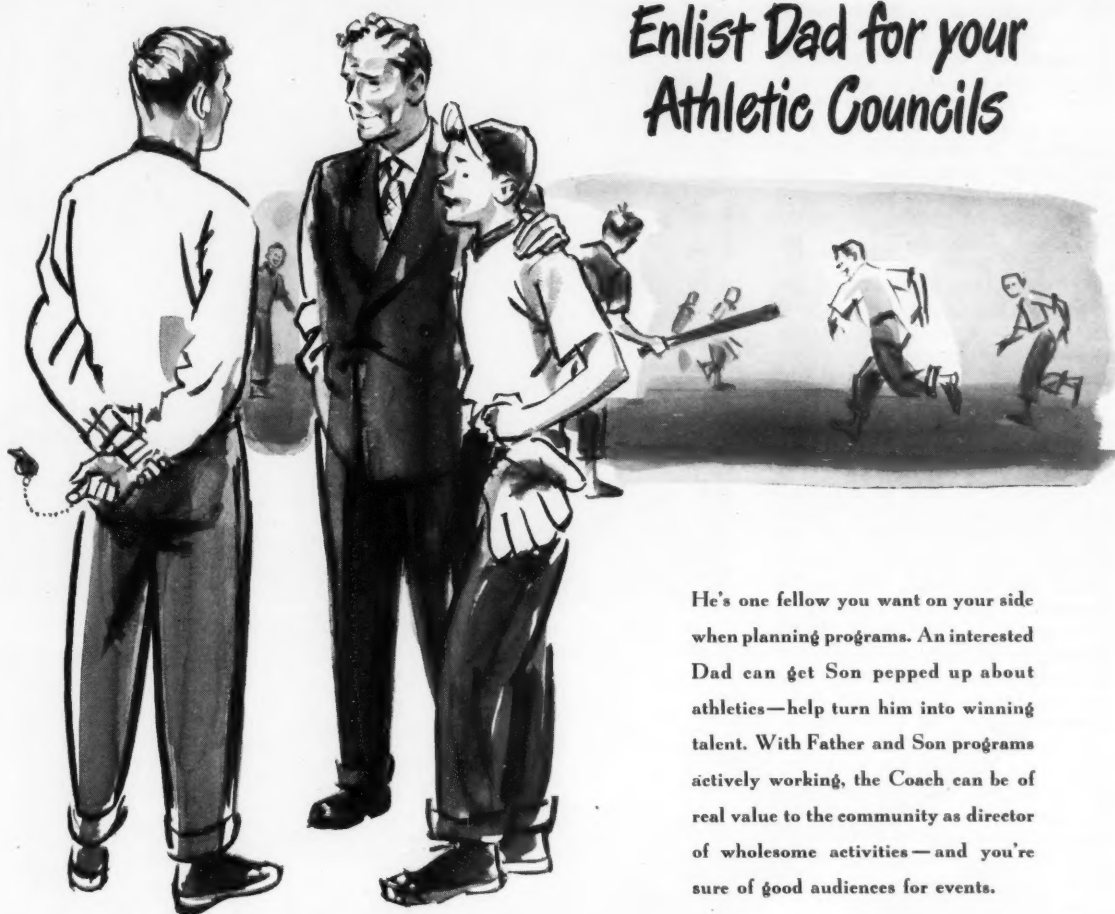
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MISSISSIPPI

By PURSER HEWETT

AS THE basketball season closed, Mississippi high schools had as many boys' basketball champions as Georgia had governors at the same period.

But the dual situation is neither new or unusual for Mississippi prep basketball. It perennially has two cage kings. This year, Belmont High of Tishomingo County won the tournament sponsored by the Mississippi High School Literary and Athletic Association, and Vicksburg won the elimination play staged by the larger high schools of the state making up the Big Eight(een) conference.

Members of the Big Eight(een) are also members of the state association, but because the tournaments conflict, elect to battle in their own league's playoffs.

One would get into an argument if he attempted to say one champion could beat another, but the majority opinion would doubtless choose the MHSLAA king as the stronger.

Belmont's victory gave North Mississippi its fifth straight champion. The team battled through sub-regional, regional and district tournaments without loss of a game.

In the finals which brought eight teams into Jackson, the first time the tournament has been played in the state capital, Belmont defeated Ringgold in the quarter-finals, 56-39, then eliminated Conehatta, 36-27, in the semi-finals and overcame Big Creek in the finals, 34-27.

These teams are all from schools in small communities, and few, if any, ever compete in football.

Belmont won two places on the All-Tournament team selected by sports writers, officials and coaches. Wendell and Kendall Davis, twins and both guards, were named. Kenneth Robbins of Macedonia was placed at center and the forwards were Coyte Vance of Conehatta and Elmer Hardin of Big Creek.

On the second All-Star team, Belmont landed Billy Owens at forward, with Billy Parks of Big Creek at the other forward; Junior Miller of Improve-Petty at center; and Curtis May of Ringgold and Walter Ahrens of Clinton at guards.

In Big Eight(een) play, McComb, Natchez, Laurel and Hattiesburg



VICKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL—CHAMPIONS OF THE 1947 TOURNAMENT OF MISSISSIPPI BIG EIGHT(EEN) CONFERENCE. Coached by Al Clemens.

Front row, left to right: Nick Elchos, Erwin Baylot, George Morris, Norwood Varnado, Lonnie Breithaupt.

Back row: Paul Mitchell, Clint Beaughman, Harry Barnes, Cecil Lanier, Charles Nabors, Billy Ainsworth, John Albert Bodron, Frank Bufkin.



BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL—CHAMPIONS OF 1947 TOURNAMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY AND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION. Coached by James Fulton.

Front row, left to right: Leland Clark, Wendall Davis, Kendall Davis, Coolidge Ivy, Herbert Hargett.

Back row: Supt.-Coach James Fulton, Billy Owens, Charles Patterson, Bobby Lambert, James Short, Bryan Sparks and Manager Waldrop Beard.

were seeded on the basis of their season's records, but Vicksburg under Coach Al Clemens defeated three of the four on its way to the title.

After eliminating Tupelo handily in the first round of play, Vicksburg defeated Laurel, 37-31, in what was ranked as the tournament's biggest upset. The Green Wave then advanced to the semi-finals to beat Hattiesburg, 38-33, while Natchez was eliminating McComb, 31-27.

The final game saw Vicksburg defeating its down-river rival from Natchez by a 40-35 score.

Strange to say, in the balloting for All-Star selections, after four men were named, three others tied for the fifth slot on the first team, and the best recognition Vicksburg received was one man in this tie for last place. He was Nick Elchos, diminutive forward and elusive football halfback.

Laurel landed two men on the first squad, Howard Maxwell and Jimmy Howard. McComb placed R. B. Reeves for the second year. Hattiesburg was represented by Jerry Cooper; Meridian landed Joe Reid on the team; and Natchez had

Fred Foster on the list. No attempt was made to place the men by positions.

On the second team, Vicksburg was given two slots for Erwin Baylot and George Morris. Natchez was recognized with Bernard Callendar and Ralph Thompson on the team, while the fifth post went to Antone Tannehill of Hattiesburg.

SOUTHERN SCHOOLS

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tions. The school paper, the *Bagpipe*, is published bi-weekly. The editor and business manager are elected by the student body in the spring, while the other staff members are chosen in the fall. Each edition may be bought separately, or a year's subscription may be obtained. The *Bagpipe* has won an all-state rating every year since 1937 in the Texas High School Press Association contest.

The Highland Park yearbook, the *Highlander*, is published every year by the senior class. The editor and business manager, like those of the *Bagpipe*, are elected in the spring by the student body.

The Student Council sponsors the

Student Directory. It is put out every year and contains the phone numbers and addresses of all high school students and teachers.

The two largest clubs in the school are the Hi-Y and the Hi-Lites. The Hi-Y, to which most of the high school boys belong, is the largest in the country.

The largest girls' club, the Hi-Lites, does much welfare work. At Christmas and Thanksgiving special social service projects are undertaken and Red Cross work is done the year round.

These clubs and most of the others meet on school time. There is a thirty minute activities period every morning which may be used for club meets, assemblies or studying.

Concerts, operettas and radio broadcasts are produced by the music department at Highland Park which includes a forty-seven piece orchestra and a sixty piece R.O.T.C. band, as well as several boys' and girls' choruses. Every year the high school is host at a music festival. Participants are attracted from all parts of Texas and some parts of the neighboring states. The dates for the 1947 festival are April 25-26.



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TENNESSEE

By EDGAR ALLEN

CONCLUDING the most successful TSSAA State basketball tournament in history, a smooth, well-balanced quintet from Soddy-Daisy ran roughshod over defending champion West High of Nashville in the finals by a score of 52-26 to capture the 1947 Tennessee high school cage championship.

Nearly 3,000 fans jammed every available inch of the University of Tennessee's Alumni Memorial Gymnasium March 15 to watch the Trojans, coached by Ernest Eldridge, defeat the Nashville team, winner in 1944 and 1946 and a state tournament entry for the past five years.

While Soddy-Daisy had little trouble in winning the tournament and was classed by observers as one of the top outfits ever to win the state championship, the team would not have even been represented except for the system used by the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association which allows the host section four teams in the state tourney.

Soddy Daisy had been upset, 50-49, in the East Tennessee regional semifinals and wouldn't have even qualified had the meet been held in Middle or West Tennessee.

However, there was no doubt about the club's superiority. The Trojans opened the state meet with a 42-32 win over a rugged Memphis Central five, walloped Father Ryan of Nashville, 53-36, in the semis, then blasted West in the finals.

West had nipped Knoxville Central, 35-33, in the first round, breezed through Jackson, 57-33, in the semis to reach the finals. The semi-final win was costly, though, as star center Harry Moneypenny went down with an injured ankle and played only two minutes in the final game.

Surprise team of the tournament was Father Ryan, a club of youngsters which lost eight games during the regular season, then were defeated by West in the district, unit and regional finals.

The Catholic team, in typical Irish fashion, upset East Tennessee champion Happy Valley, 37-35, in the first round, while Jackson reached the semis with a 44-36 victory over Loudon.

Happy Valley was eliminated by Memphis Central, 37-27, and Knox-



SODDY-DAISY HIGH—1947 TENNESSEE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONS. Coached by Ernest Eldridge.

Front row, left to right: Red Frazier (manager), Cecil Miller, Willard Lovelady, Charles Bean, Bob Ballew, Tom Maynor.

Back row: Coach Ernest Eldridge, Buck Varner, Eddie Correll, Charles Narramore, Algia Trantham, Bobby Johnston.

ville Central by Loudon, 36-32, in consolation games; then Memphis went on to the consolation title with an easy 54-35 win over Loudon. Third place in the meet went to Jackson by virtue of its 36-35 win over Father Ryan the final night.

Leading scorers for the tournament were **Willard Lovelady** of Soddy-Daisy, with 43 points, and **Harold Johnson** of Jackson, with 42. Johnson, a well-built 185-pounder, rated all-state in both football and basketball this year.

For West, the loss ended a phenomenal winning streak. The Blue Jays had 23 straight tournament wins until the finals and even with the loss, Coach Emmett Strickland had a five-year record of 129 wins against 16 losses.

From all evidence gained during regular season play, West and Soddy-Daisy undoubtedly were the 1-2 teams in the state. The Blue Jays won 27 and lost two, and Soddy-Daisy won 33 and lost two during regular season and tournament play.

Outstanding player of the tournament was **Tom Maynor**, versatile

Trojan center, who polled 115 points under the system used by coaches and sportswriters.

There was no girls' state tourney, but here were the respective regional winners and their margin of victory in the finals:

West: Hornbeak, 28; Brighton, 22.

Middle: Blanche, 36; Nashville Hillsboro, 30.

East: Chattanooga Red Bank, 31; Loudon, 21.

BASKETBALL

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are stressed in detail and at length. Next, team play is emphasized, culminating in several intra-squad scrimmages. During this time, the squad is divided into two groups, the A team and the B team. The A team consists of boys who will probably make the varsity for the following year, and the B team includes all the rest. Basketball usually involves fifty or more boys and in popularity ranks second only to football at Highland Park.

ALABAMA

By RONALD WEATHERS



PHIL CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL — 1947 ALABAMA STATE CHAMPIONS. Coached by Cliff White.

Front row, left to right: Jack Glasgow, Bernard Oliver, Thomas Duncan, Otho Eudy.

Back row: Coach Cliff White, Braxton Glasgow, Benton Duncan, Milford Coan, Cecil Lawler.

PLAYING as careful and deliberate a brand of ball as has been seen in Alabama high school basketball tournaments, Phil Campbell literally walked away with the state prep crown at Tuscaloosa, winning over Scottsboro, stronghold of high school basketball, 23-21, in the tournament finals.

Not that Phil Campbell found the tournament a breeze; the champs just took their own sweet time, hence literally winning in a walk. Such a score would seem to tag Alabama prep quintets as inept at hitting the hoops, but a look-in on that final game quickly dispels any thoughts on that line.

Phil Campbell, playing its usual extremely careful basketball, took its time all the way, making good all its passes, making few mistakes, meanwhile controlling both backboards.

Scottsboro, Phil Campbell's opponent, likewise was playing it safe. A 26-13 quarter-finals victory over defending state champion, Parrish High of Selma, gave the Scotts ample reason to believe that again they could use that close defense to tame Phil Campbell.

Thus with the Phil Campbell and Scottsboro quintets sticking to their slow, deliberate tactics, one of the lowest scoring final games in the

25-year history of Alabama prep tournaments was recorded.

The championship was Phil Campbell's first, though the North Alabama quintet had reached the semi-finals two years previously, finishing third ahead of Scottsboro in the 1946 tournament.

Selma's Parrish High, which at mid-season had seen a string of 88 wins broken in a 24-19 loss to Chilton County High of Clanton, was seeking its third straight championship; but found itself just another bystander after its quarter-finals defeat.

Mortimer Jordan, Fifth District entry from near Birmingham, nearly put the skids on the Parrish lads in the first round, but lost, 27-21, after holding a 21-19 advantage going into the final period. Lanier of Montgomery, Selma's running mate, gave some promise of reaching the final stages of the tournament when it overpowered Ensley, 50-23, in the first round. Phil Campbell took care of Lanier, however, winning, 29-26, in the quarter-finals.

Murphy High of Mobile, making its fifteenth trek to the state tournament, reached the semi-finals for the first time in tourney history, but bowed there to Phil Campbell, 34-24. The Mobile entry found some consolation in defeating Hamilton of

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LOUISIANA

By HAP GLAUDI

ST. ALOYSIUS' brilliant Crusaders won the annual Louisiana State Class AA basketball tourney at L.S.U. on March 8-9, and in doing so brought to their school its second state crown in history. The Saints first hit the jackpot in 1941.

The Crusaders, coached by John Altobello and sparked by Nickie Revon, champion scorer of New Orleans Prep League, defeated their home town rivals, Warren Easton, 39-30; Istrouma of Baton Rouge, 43-19; and Lake Charles, 35-24, to capture the crown.

The Aloysius triumph enabled the New Orleans' school to displace Jesuit High, also of New Orleans, as the state champion, Jesuit, one of the favorites, was eliminated by Lake Charles in a semi-finals game.

In addition to St. Aloysius in the top division, other state champions were Natchitoches in Class A, Baker in Class B and Fair View Alpha in Class C.

State champions in the Girls' classes were Haynesville in Class AA; Franklinton in Class A; Ogden in Class B; and Forest in Class C.

Class AA—Boys

St. Aloysius (New Orleans), 35; Lake Charles, 24.

Class A—Boys

Natchitoches, 31; Covington 29.

Class B—Boys

Baker, 38; Zachary, 31.

Class C—Boys

Fair View Alpha, 38; Arnaudville, 27.

Class AA—Girls

Haynesville, 28; Lafayette, 21.

Class A—Girls

Franklinton, 29; Many, 20.

Class B—Girls

Ogden, 37; Baskin, 16.

Class C—Girls

Forest, 38; Cut Off, 37.

Attendance at the annual state high school basketball tournament broke records, with the championship finals in L.S.U.'s spacious Coliseum attracting a crowd of 4,000. This established a new record for the tourney and was the largest crowd ever to see a high school game in Baton Rouge.

Officials at the University estimated that over 10,000 fans witnessed the three night and two day carnival.

Istrouma High of Baton Rouge compiled one of the finest winning



ST. ALOYSIUS — LOUISIANA STATE CLASS AA CHAMPIONS.
Coached by John Altobello.

Front row, left to right: W. Regan, L. Bravo, N. Revon, D. Perret, J. Barbara, B. Piper.

Back row: J. Altobello, K. Drake, J. Cronin, W. Duncan, A. LaPlace, R. King.

streaks in Louisiana's high school cage history this season, winning 27 consecutive games before losing to champion St. Aloysius, 43-19, in the state tournament.

The Istrouma team was coached by Clyde Lindsey, All-Southeastern end of L.S.U. who graduated at mid-term.

All-Louisiana Cage Teams (Class AA)

Nick Revon (St. Aloysius); Terry Ryan (Jesuit); Luis Bravo (St. Aloysius); Larry Mears (Istrouma); Bill Dimick (Lake Charles); Elmer Nettles (Istrouma); Ellsworth Kingery (Lake Charles); Ed Davis (St. Aloysius).

(Class A)

Bob Wells (Newman, New Orleans); Thompson (Covington); Monzelon (Covington); West (Natchitoches); J. Riley (Jena); Day (Hammond); Herrin (Bossier City).

(Class B)

Tom Brown (Baker); Sam Murphy (Baker); Don Hunt (Zachary); Carmel McElyea (Zachary); McDowell (Denham Springs); Sewell (Martin); Edminston (St. Paul).

(Class C)

Johnston (Vidalia); Buswell (Fair View); Loupe (Lockport); Arnaud (Arnaudville); Wren (Fair View); Kling (Dutchtown); Whitten (Urania); Grey (Fair View).

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ALABAMA

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the Seventh District, 47-40, for third place. Hamilton was beaten in the semi-finals, 23-21 by Scottsboro.

Jimmy Sinclair, a member of the Murphy squad, took individual scoring honors for the tournament with 71 points, 27 made against Tallassee, 19 against Boaz, eight against Phil Campbell and 17 against Hamilton.

James Ray, Hamilton center, was next with 64, 28 of them coming against Murphy in the consolation game. The 28 represented the highest one-game effort. Corky Brimm, Murphy forward, got in 56 as third high; Phil Campbell's Benton Duncan was fourth with 43; and Scottsboro's Fred Thomas, five feet, three guard, was fifth with 42.

Thomas was voted "Most Valuable Player" and was awarded the Guy O'Brien trophy, an award in memory of the late Scottsboro coach.

The All-State team, chosen by coaches, officials and sportswriters, listed Brimm and Sinclair, both of Murphy, Duncan of Phil Campbell (a repeater), Thomas of Scottsboro, and Ray of Hamilton. The second five included Green, Hamilton; Woods, Scottsboro; Dean, Lanier; Speed, Selma; Jack Glasgow, Phil Campbell.

The tournament, with the University of Alabama and the Tuscaloosa Junior Chamber of Commerce as joint hosts, was the most successful one yet, with 3,000 watching the quarter-finals and a like number sitting in on the semis and an estimated 3,500 watching the finals.

Tournament results by rounds:

First Round

Murphy 48, Tallassee 40.
Boaz 34, Pleasant Home 26.
Lanier 50, Ensley 23.
Phil Campbell 36, Etowah County 28.

Hamilton 35, Enterprise 29.
McGill 38, Glencoe 36.
Parrish 27, Mortimer Jordan 21.
Scottsboro 38, Camp Hill 21.

Quarter-Finals

Murphy 45, Boaz 44.
Phil Campbell 29, Lanier 26.
Hamilton 40, McGill 27.
Scottsboro 26, Parrish 13.

Semi-Finals

Phil Campbell 34, Murphy 24.
Scottsboro 23, Hamilton 21.

Finals

Phil Campbell 23, Scottsboro 21.
Murphy 47, Hamilton 40 (consolation).

NORTH CAROLINA

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points, two more than McKoy, in individual scoring.

Billy Purkey of Gastonia paced the Western Conference scorers with 157 points, two more than Richard Crowder of High Point, who scored 155. Don Lanford of Greensboro was third with 152.

The final standings in the two districts follow:

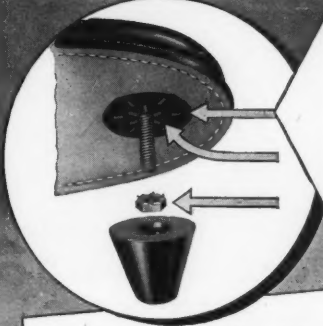
Eastern Conference

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Wilmington	12	0	1.000

Durham	6	4	.600
Rocky Mount	7	5	.583
Raleigh	6	6	.500
Wilson	6	6	.500
Fayetteville	2	10	.167
Goldsboro	1	9	.100

Western Conference

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Greensboro	13	1	.929
High Point	12	2	.857
Winston-Salem	9	5	.643
Charlotte	8	6	.571
Burlington	5	9	.357
Gastonia	5	9	.357
Asheville	4	10	.286
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FOLLOWING a different procedure from what has been the order for the past fifteen years, the state high school basketball championships in the A, B and C divisions for boys and girls were decided at the University of South Carolina Field House on March 7th. Prior to this date, tournaments were held in the upper and lower state to determine who would meet in Columbia to settle the issues and have the honor of being crowned champion in their respective divisions. Although the tournament games were played during the most adverse weather conditions 2,500 people, braving the cold wind and rain, came from all sections of the state to support their teams. This was indicative of the interest taken in basketball during the entire season and it was not unusual to hear of gymnasiums "bulging in the middle" with overflowing crowds, and having people turned away for lack of seating space or standing room during district play-offs. However, Greenville and Parker High of Greenville "topped them all" in this respect when they met in Textile Hall to decide the city championship. Sixty-

five hundred people paid to see the game and approximately 2,000 were turned away.

In the state finals, Hollywood girls won from Lynchburg in a closely contested C game; Myrtle Beach battled all the way to defeat a fine Inman team in the B Class and Lancaster girls eked out with a two point victory over Darlington girls for the Class A Championship. In the boys' games Kelly Pinckney downed Holly Hill by a close score for the Class C Championship, Bennettsville took the measure of University High of Columbia by a nine point margin for the Class B honors and Olympia of Columbia had no difficulty in downing North Charleston, proving to the public that she had the Class A team of the State.

In view of the fact that the South Carolina High School League does not sponsor a Class AA Championship in any sport except track, Sumter High School again conducted an invitational tournament for AA teams which was won by the Greenville Red Raiders for the second consecutive time. Greenville finished the season with an amazing record by winning seventeen games and

losing one. They relied mostly on a fast break in their attack, but, also, used the figure eight pattern effectively. Their defense was a zone with three men out front. Olympia, the Class A Champs, used a single pivot man in their offense and adhered strictly to a man to man defense.

Jimmie Dill, six foot forward for Greenville, was the outstanding player of the year. He scored 313 points in eighteen games.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

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and Wake Forest, but finished with eleven wins to Carolina's ten.

Duke's defending conference champions lost twice to North Carolina, once to State and once to George Washington. South Carolina upset Duke in the first round of the conference tournament, switched from Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium to Duke's spacious gym at Durham because of the record demand for tickets. Duke's seating capacity of 9,000 persons was sold out for all performances weeks in advance.

By virtue of its victory in the conference tournament, N. C. State was

invited to compete in the National Invitational tournament in New York City. The Red Terrors won their first game from St. John's, 61-55.

Ed Leroy Koffenberger, Duke's senior center from Wilmington, Delaware, led the conference scorers with 210 points in twelve loop tilts. Koffenberger poured in 416 points for Duke's entire schedule of 27 games, averaging 15.4 per game. He smashed his own 1946 record of 317, previous high for any Duke player in the history of basketball at the Methodist institution.

Tournament results follow:

First Round

South Carolina, 56; Duke, 54.

N. C. State, 55; Maryland, 43.

George Washington, 70; Washington & Lee, 55.

North Carolina, 55; Richmond, 43.

Semifinal Round

N. C. State, 70; George Washington, 47.

North Carolina, 58; South Carolina, 33.

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PITCHING

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slow ball pitch handicaps the catcher, as the idea is to give the runner the least possible time in which to steal second. A pitcher should know that a runner would not make an attempt to steal second when two or more runs behind. The runner would be playing a very bad offensive game if he took a chance of being thrown out at second base, when his run would not tie or win the game. In this case, a slow ball could be used. *Be careful! Think!*

I do not advocate the pitching of any of the freak deliveries by a young amateur pitcher, such as: the fork ball, the knuckle ball, the fingernail ball, or the fade-away. These particular pitches are liable to injure the arm or the shoulder muscles—especially, the fade-away ball. This peculiar delivery is thrown by a roll of the arm and the wrist so that the ball, in leaving the hand, passes over the tip of the second finger, the back of the hand being the only part visible to the batsman after delivery. This causes movements in the wrist, forearm, and elbow that are contrary to the laws of nature. All of these freak deliveries should be left to the older, matured man rather than to the youngster. A young pitcher is wiser to concentrate on his fast ball, a good curve ball properly delivered, a change of pace and control.

A pitcher should never attempt to throw the curve ball with a bend of the arm at the elbow, or with a snap of the wrist. This might cause a permanent injury. If a young man employs proper body movements, a simple turn of the wrist will put all the spin needed on the ball to make it curve beyond one's conception, without any apparent strain on the arm. The arm should be almost fully extended, as for a fast ball—however, the ball should be gripped very hard, very tightly, by the middle finger, regardless of the pressure placed upon it by the forefinger. The forefinger merely acts as a guide, as the pressure of the middle finger causes the spin when the ball leaves the hand coming out of the grip, the vise, over the forefinger. It will be found that the more the wrist is bent, the greater and slower the curve.

It takes practice—and then more practice—to develop and control a good curve ball, because the success of this pitch means that the ball must be caught by the catcher near or below his knees. A high curve

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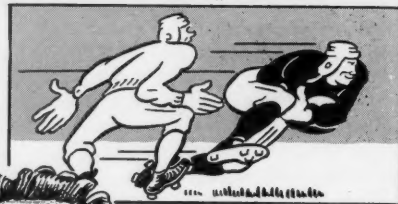
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NATIONAL FEDERATION NOTES

By H. V. PORTER, Secretary

BASKETBALL COMMITTEE EXPANSION

In accordance with action at the annual meeting, the Federation representatives have assisted in bringing about an expansion of the basketball committee to include the Amateur Athletic Union. Representatives of the A.A.U. will attend the 1947 meeting. The representatives are James E. Coogan of New Haven, Connecticut, and Louis G. Wilke of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, in addition to the Assistant to the President, who will have advisory membership. Under the new organization (if finally approved), there will be twenty voting members (instead of 18 as in the past). An amendment to the Committee constitution has been submitted to all members and adoption of it will complete the reorganization.

TRACK AND FIELD IN 1947

The new Track and Field Guide for 1947 includes a number of interesting modifications or additions.

Several of these represent slight changes in the rules.

RULE DIFFERENCES FROM LAST YEAR: (1) For timing races, each timer is expected to hand his watch to the head timer who will record the time for each watch. This is designed to prevent the chance of error when three men read the watch. (2) The length of a running stride is now placed at approximately 7 feet. This is the distance a runner must be in advance of a competitor before he is permitted to cut in front of him. No change in meaning is intended. The mentioning of a specific distance was thought advisable because there are mistaken notions as to the length of a running stride. (3) A slight change in the wording of Rule 6-3, covers the situation where a runner crawls or rolls across the finish line. If a runner goes to the finish standing up, he is considered as having crossed the finish line when any part of his body (not including arms or legs) touches

the plane which represents the finish but if he has fallen to the ground, he is not considered as having crossed the finish line until his entire body is through such plane. (4) In order to speed up meets in which there is overlapping of field and track events for any competitor, it is now permissible for a field judge to grant a broad jumper the right to take some of his trials out of order. If the field judge thinks it desirable, he may allow a jumper to take two or three of his trials in succession. This is an experiment and does not apply to other field events.

The supplement of the Track Book has been brought up to date.

CROSS COUNTRY: There is a new section dealing with the managing of a cross country meet. The article includes a diagram showing a type of finish chute that has proved to be quite satisfactory. All cross country meet managers have learned that one of the biggest problems is to pick finishing competitors in the proper

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order. If there are a great many entries, it is necessary to have a chute roped off to assist the checkers and finish judges.

During the past year, there was a great revival in interest in cross country running and it is expected that this sport will continue to expand through the 1947 season.

NATIONAL RECORD: Only one national high school record was established last year. This was in the shot put and the new record holder is John Helwig of Mt. Carmel Catholic High School of Los Angeles, California. His new record is 59 feet 5½ inches. Except for John Helwig, no new names were added to the list of record holders for the decade 1940-9.

CONTENTS OF THE SUPPLEMENT: The honor roll contains the names of the ten best performers in each of the events for the 1946 season. The table showing the state high school records in each of the events and the national average has been brought up to date. This table has been used as a basis for some interesting illustrated track materials in some of the athletic magazines, including the Athletic Journal.

One of these displays indicates which state has the best performance

in each event. CALIFORNIA leads the field by having established the best state record in four of the events, the high hurdles, the 880 yard relay, the 440 and the shot put. This state is also tied with OHIO in the 220 yard dash in which each state has a record of 21.9 seconds, and they are tied with OREGON in the mile run with a time of 4:24. MISSOURI ranks second in number of records which are better than those in any other state. Their performances are best in the 880 and the broad jump. OHIO, INDIANA and OREGON each have the best records in one event and they are tied with some other state in one more event. TEXAS and WISCONSIN have the best record in one event each, and IOWA is tied with INDIANA for the best record in the 220 yard dash. The table permits interesting comparison for different sections of the country. Each reader will put his own interpretation on the significance, if any, of the comparative records.

BASEBALL DEVELOPMENTS

Last year there was a resurgence of interest in high school baseball.

A MISSISSIPPI newspaper states: "High school baseball has staged a comeback that has resulted in this

sport sharing honors with football, basketball and track as major high school competitive sports." President Sale Lilly reports that this year has brought another 15% increase in number of schools that will play baseball. The southeastern states have turned to this sport as an addition to a well balanced school athletic program. Competition does not close with the ending of school in the spring but is continued in a series of summer contests.

Several leagues in the upper peninsula of MICHIGAN start a schedule before school closes in the spring and continue through the summer. The states of IOWA and MINNESOTA have taken the lead in expending a summer program under sponsorship of the schools and this promises to be one of the most significant sports developments in the last ten years.

Reports on the recent baseball questionnaire indicate that a number of states will encourage a statewide series of contests for the first time this year. ARKANSAS is planning activity along this line. A recent issue of the TENNESSEE state association bulletin contains the following comment: "Other states report an increase in number of schools playing baseball of from 20% to 300% (Georgia). Of course, Tennessee can't compete with Georgia in number of Governors, nor in such an increase in baseball—but by half trying we ought to get in the 50% class."

In states such as ILLINOIS, the rules concerning summer competition have been rather strict and have prohibited participation by school teams during the summer vacation. If any high school boy desired to participate in a summer contest, it was necessary for him to participate as an unattached individual and not as a representative of his school. At the last meeting of the Illinois Board of Directors, it was voted to recommend an amendment to the Illinois by-laws which would remove this restriction. Such modification would permit a team to participate in the summer while representing its school and under eligibility rules slightly more lenient than those which apply during the time school is in session. In anticipation of favorable action on this liberalized rule, the larger high schools in the southern part of the state have already voted to retain one or more members of the school athletic staff through the summer months to supervise summer activities, including a baseball series

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In NEW YORK, prominent conferences plan to continue their summer baseball program which was started last and which proved to be popular. Schools participate in a conference schedule which extends through the summer months. The teams are supervised by a member and games are played at times when there is little interference with a player's summer job.

Many states are making use of the baseball films which are made available through the efforts of the Joint Baseball Committee. Two new films are being sent to those states which have indicated a desire to set up machinery for distribution to member schools. Approximately 30 prints are being used for this purpose. These are "World Series of 1946" and "Batting Fundamentals." Each is a 16 mm. sound film which runs about thirty minutes.

The 1947 edition of the Baseball Rules books has been shipped. These will be widely distributed and used as the basis for discussion in a series of baseball meetings. The IOWA High School Association is sponsoring an all-day meeting for baseball leaders and this meeting will be followed by a series of district meetings. This baseball series is similar to that which has been held in a number of states in football and basketball.

A GIRL'S WORLD

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ties, in which the boys as well as the girls participate during their lunch period, include ping pong, shuffleboard and dancing to the latest tunes from the nickelodeon. A ping pong round robin tournament is held for all who wish to enter. In this way fun and recreation are provided for boys and girls together during their free lunch time.

The work in the special sports in which the girls participate is divided into six week periods, as is scholastic work. Grades are determined not only on athletic ability, but on sportsmanship and on active participation. Every six weeks a test is given which covers history, rules and strategy of the sport studied at that period. A class tournament is held among the various teams after the sport is learned thoroughly, and winners from each class play the winners from the other class periods. The final victors are awarded a Mexican dinner,

besides having their team picture in the school annual.

The first six weeks in the fall the girls are kept busy playing tennis, quoits and speedball. The second six weeks a course in physical appraisal and exercises is run. This course not only helps a girl find her faults as to posture or weight, but gives her exercises to aid her in correcting these faults. The third six weeks the girls enter the sport they like best, basketball. At Highland Park the girls as well as the boys have always played the game wholeheartedly. In their last venture into interscholastic competition in 1944, Highland Park's girls' bas-

ketball team won the state championship in an invitational tournament held at Southern Methodist University.

The second semester starts with volleyball, another favorite with the girls. Folk dancing, an innovation at Highland Park, follows volleyball. About the time spring weather arrives, softball and badminton are the sports in which the girls participate. Tournaments are held in both athletic activities.

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peting with the winning class team. Competition and interest is in this way stirred up among the various classes.

A typical gym class at Highland Park may go like this: The girls are given up to five minutes to dress in their regulation blue or yellow shorts and shirts and get to the gym from the dressing rooms. They form into teams, each consisting of from eight to ten members; and while captains check roll, the teacher makes what announcements she may have. If demonstration and practice are over, each team is then assigned another to play. Activity is begun in earnest to last for the remainder of the period. About ten minutes before class ends, the captains report winners; and everyone goes to the dressing rooms to shower and get ready for her next class.

The best part of the athletic program, according to most girls, is intra-mural activities. Tennyquait, volleyball, basketball and softball intra-murals are run alike. There are from nine to twelve members to a team and about six or eight teams in each league, one league being on Monday and Wednesday, and the other on Tuesday and Thursday, all lasting for an hour after school. After a round robin tournament, the winners of the Monday-Wednesday league play the Tuesday-Thursday victors to determine the final intra-mural champ, who is awarded a Mexican dinner and an annual picture, the latter also being awarded to the other league winner. The final play-off of the two leagues in basketball intra-murals is run off before the school during assembly period and is one of the highlights of the year. Medals are bestowed on the four best forwards and guards in each league; the rest of the players in that league who played with or against the girls and could determine the caliber of their playing vote on the medal winners. This practice causes everyone to play her best and strive for the real honor of being a medal winner.

For entering into this full schedule for four years, the girls of Highland Park receive a necessary graduating credit. All realize the benefits they have received in coordination, poise, athletic knowledge and in real fun. Most important of all, from close contact and cooperation with the other girls they acquired that all-important ability to get along with their fellow classmates.



The Highland Park Scotties—1946 Texas State Semi-Finalists

FOOTBALL

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month of the most grueling type of work. Some become discouraged and fall by the wayside, but others continue to learn the fundamentals of the game. They work out from three until dark from Monday through Friday and have a workout Saturday morning.

By the end of spring training, most of the boys have a fairly good knowledge of the basic fundamentals of football. They have also learned that there is more to football than playing on Friday night, namely, hard work.

The coaches confer after spring training and discuss the possibilities of the individuals. A list is made of the seventy boys who seem to be the best prospects and these boys receive invitations to football camp which begins September 1.

On September 1 the long-awaited fall season begins. The boys move into the gym for a week of concentrated practice. Meals are served in the cafeteria and the gym becomes a dormitory. The boys arise at six forty-five, have a calisthenic drill, eat and relax until eight-thirty when the morning session begins. The session lasts until eleven, after which the boys relax until lunch is served. The rest period is from twelve-thirty until three, and the afternoon practice from three-thirty until six. After supper, the boys see movies of previous games, have skull practices and relax until "lights out" at ten thirty.

The day camp is over, the list is read of the boys who made the squad. This is a tense moment for all and a heartbreaking one for those who failed to make the squad.

The schedule of games for the coming season calls for six pre-con-

ference games and the conference slate of five games. If the Scotties emerge from the district race as winners this year, there will be a rocky road ahead to the state championship. Whether the Scotties win or lose this year, one thing is certain. The fine crowds of supporters which filled the Cotton Bowl to capacity for the championship game of 1945 will continue to turn out in support of the Scotties, for the spirit of the team means as much as winning games.

SWIM SLANTS

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two triangular meets with Austin High School of Austin, Texas, and Woodrow Wilson High School of Dallas, Texas. One meet will be held in the Dallas Athletic Club pool the last week of March and the return meet will be held in Austin, Texas, in April.

The team will also enter the Southwestern Interscholastic Swimming Championships on April 26. This is an annual meet sponsored by the Dallas Athletic Club in an effort to stimulate high school swimming. Last year a record number of 125 entries were received. The Highlanders will be defending champions in this meet too as they won a close decision last year over the strong Classen High School team from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The Highland Park swimmers will complete the season's competition in May when they enter the Texas State High School Meet held annually at Texas A & M College.

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CADETS AND CALISTHENICS

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a parade and inspection is held to determine the best company; at the end of each term the company with the highest number of points in intercompany competition is declared the winner.

Issued uniforms are olive drab. To each cadet are issued one pair of pants, a coat, two khaki shirts, various insignia, as well as an overseas cap and a tie. Uniforms are worn three days a week. The equipment issued to each cadet includes a model 1903 rifle and several manuals. For demonstration purposes the corps has several Browning automatic rifles, carbines, Garands and one 30-caliber machine gun. The armory in the school basement consists of a lecture room, commandant's office, staff office for cadets, supply room and the main armory room, where rifle racks line the wall and where daily the cadets fall in or form ranks. There is also a rifle range used by the members of the school's very active rifle team, which has won many awards in competition with the Dallas schools.

Physical education classes for the boys have proved increasingly popular at Hi Park. The boys have a separate gymnasium for their classes, as well as a locker room with showers. The three physical education classes meet for one hour a day. They are planned so that they can accomplish training of the body and still make the classes interesting for the boys. Each day before the day's activities, the class takes calisthenics for ten minutes, then begins the games for the day. These games are usually run as tournaments, capitalizing on the boys' competitive spirit. The games are designed to be good exercises as well as enjoyable experiences.

Instructors in physical education are Herman Morgan and Ernest Kennedy, head football coach and assistant football coach, respectively. Mr. Morgan has been at Highland Park for four years, and Mr. Kennedy came here from Highland Park Junior High School two years ago.

During the year some of the games played are touch football, relay races, bulldozer, basketball, pre-flight basketball, baseball and many other competitive games. The big three in boys' gym are the football, basketball and baseball tournaments held every year. The members of the winning team in these tournaments are awarded a prize, usually a T shirt with Highland Park Scotties written on it.

SCOUT REPORT

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graduate of Central High School of Knoxville, Tennessee, and the University of Tennessee. Since graduation, he has played and coached for the Philadelphia Eagles. Coach Woodruff is fresh from two flush seasons at Decatur, Georgia, High School, where his teams won two N.G.I.C. titles. Lew will work with the B team and scout.

Auburn's Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity basketball five, runnerup in the local interfraternity tournament, has a strong claim on its lodge championship of Georgia. The local dribblers defeated the University of Georgia Lambda Chi's 62-34, and nosed out their brother "Greeks" from Georgia Tech, 59-58.

A winning streak snapped after 27 straight victories was the basketball coaching debut made this season by Clyde Lindsey, 12-letter luminary at Louisiana State, who led Istrouma's Indians to their most successful hoop campaign in years.

"Mule" Frazier, manufacturers' representative operating out of Fort Worth, Texas, is serving as starter for Texas relays again this year. "Mule" has missed firing the opening gun in this meet only three times since it was started. The boys must like the way he pulls the trigger. Following his graduating at Baylor University, "Mule" coached at San Antonio before going with Spaldings, whom he served for thirteen years. Since 1940 "Mule" has operated as a manufacturers' representative covering a number of good lines and covering the major portion of the South.

Al Clemens is doing a good job at Southwestern without benefit of subsidization. His physical education program reaches most of the student body and his staff is manned by able men who are on the faculty at Southwestern, including Lloyd Stokstad, physical education, basketball, tennis and track; Joe Embry, line coach; Taylor Revly, end coach; and John Osmond, track.

Dr. Pat Murphy, genial physical education director of Texas State College for Women, added relish to our breakfast at the Physical Education Convention in Memphis when she graciously invited us to join her table, where she was host to twenty-five charming girls, most of whom were T.S.C.W. students and alumni.

Jim Purvis, former all-American half-back at Purdue,

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Captain and All-Southern end, Bobby Heap, of Holy Cross High, of New Orleans, is shown here with the Exchange Bowl Trophy on presentation to his school. The Holy Cross team won the trophy by defeating Central High, of Knoxville, Tennessee, at Jackson, Tennessee, in the inaugural Exchange Club Bowl game.

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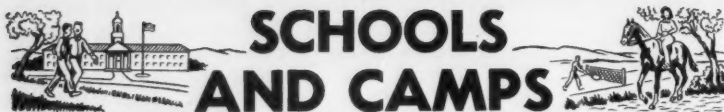
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PITCHING

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ball is what ball players term, "a slip curve." A pitcher, in his practice, should always remember a few facts, such as: Always make delivery from the same angle, using the same motion and the same swing of the arm for deliveries. It would be a great mistake, for example, to pitch a fast straight ball with a side-arm motion, and use an overhand motion for the curve ball. It would be a great mistake to show any part of the pitching hand to a coacher or a batsman as the ball is held in the gloved hand, because any variation of the grip or in the use of the fingers on the ball might be detected and the pitch diagnosed very easily by the opponents. A pitcher should be very careful in these tactics, with these habits, for one might just as well call out to a batsman what kind of a pitch is going to be delivered, if there is any altering of the arm, body, wrist, or finger usage. Major League Clubs, and many high classification Minor League Clubs, employ former players to act as coachers at third and first base for the reason that these men are able to detect a pitcher's delivery, know the kind of a pitch which is to be delivered, then, by a word tell the batsman what to expect. All pitchers must start their practice with the thought in mind of developing each and every delivered ball from the same angle, the same body motions, the same head and eye stance, for any deviation means that the wise fellows standing in the coacher's box at third and first bases will tell his batsman the truth about the different ball being delivered. Practice makes perfect but practice should not be overdone so that muscle soreness develops. Be careful of the body and always keep it in a really healthful condition. Plenty of sleep, good wholesome food, and proper exercise are the real requirements for any young man who wishes to possess a clear mind and a clear conscience, so fundamentally important to the aspiring ball player.

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no one knew anything about or something of that nature (and most cases are like this rather than dishonesty on the part of the school involved); but to be caught on something that is written in black and white really tugs at the ole' conscience.

THE LEAGUE BREAKFAST

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Meet. We don't have detailed information as to time and place, but all of us should be there. In the first place, your presence might be sorely needed because history is made there every spring. In the second place, it offers an excellent opportunity to make contacts with school administrators and to get their angles on our problems. After all, it is pretty difficult to "think with" a man if your ideas and philosophies are miles apart. If you don't care to pay the price of the meal, come in late and sit in on the proceedings.

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